

Xmas is at Hand

You can already almost hear the happy expressions of the glad recipients of your Xmas gifts. Have you left out one friend in your selections? We give you a small list of our many Xmas gifts, small in price, but any one would cheer that last friend's heart.

WHAT 50c. WILL BUY.

Silver and Gold Plated Cuff Links, Brooches, Salt Bottles, Watch Chains, Key Chains, Silver-Mounted Nail Files, Shoe Horns, Button Hooks, Silver Trimbles, Hat Pins, Silver Pencils, Shirt Studs, etc., etc.

WHAT \$1.50 WILL BUY.

Silver Chain Bracelets, Heavy Sterling Silver Cuff Links, Gold Plated Brooches, Cut Glass Pen Fume Bottles, Silver Plated Baby Mugs, Inkstands, Scarf Pins, Bon-Bon Dishes, Rings, etc., etc.

WHAT \$2.50 WILL BUY.

Berry Spoons, Solid Gold Brooches, Beautiful Purses and Pocket Books, Neck Chains, Gold Lockets, Ebony Cuffs.

WHAT \$1.00 WILL BUY.

Batter Knife, Sugar Shell, Ladies' Purses, Baby Rings, Stick Pins, Photo Frame, Silver-Plated Match Box, Salt Bottles, Gold Pens, Baby Pins, etc., etc.

WHAT \$2.00 WILL BUY.

Silver Butter Knife, Sugar Shell, Hair Combs with Brilliant Settings, Brooches, Leather Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Locketts, Silver Shaving Brushes, etc., etc.

What \$2.50 to \$5.00 Will Buy.

Fountain Pens, Cut Glass Vases, etc., Pieces of Fancy China, Cans and Umbrellas, Coffee Spoon Sets, Gun Metal and Gold-Plated Watch and Lockette Chains, Bedroom Clocks, Opera Fan.

WE HAVE PRESENTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

Challoner & Mitchell.

Choice Havana Cigars

Henry Clay, El Aguila De Oro

(ROCK & CO.)

El Ecuador, El Triunfo.

Hudson's Bay Co.,

Victoria, B. C.

HE'S COMING!

THERE ISN'T A BIT OF DOUBT OF IT.

He is coming, and we want you as well as Santa Claus to know that

Here is the Place to Buy Christmas Groceries

We have exactly what you want and in any quantity you desire.

TABLE RAISINS	15c. and 25c. lb.
NEW MIXED NUTS	20c. lb.
ITALIAN CHESTNUTS	25c. lb.
POP CORN	2 lbs. 25c.
TABLE FIGS	2 lbs. 25c.
SMYRNA FIGS	20c. lb.
CAPE COD CRANBERRIES	20c. lb.
CATAWBA WINE	50c. bottle
WATSON'S SCOTCH	\$1.00 bottle
MORGAN'S EASTERN OYSTERS	75c. tin

Dixie H. Ross & Co.,
CASH GROCERS.

MIRRORS Suitable for Xmas Gifts

J. W. MELLOR & CO., LIMITED, 78 FORT STREET.

PHONE 400.

BIG PASSENGER TRAVEL.

Steamer Queen City Crowded Going and Coming on West Coast Trip.

There were over 60 passengers on the steamer Queen City arriving from West Coast ports this afternoon. There were over 50 bound through to the northern end of the Island on the trip of the vessel, and between Clayquot and Esqualeet the steamer had aboard 172 Indians. She reached port early this afternoon.

Of those who arrived 14 came from Bamfield Creek. They were composed of C. Holland and his men, who have knocked off work on the new cable buildings for the Christmas holidays. Fourteen more passengers came from San Juan, including H. E. Newton, and Messrs Hobbs, Luffield, Daykin and Schofield.

On the up trip of the steamer she took eight Danes to Cape Scott, where they intended spending the Christmas holidays with the colonists at that point. The Indians who came down to Esqualeet were an interesting lot. Among them were two medicine men and a number of chiefs. They were bound for the potlatch, to be held at Esqualeet, beginning last night.

The Queen City reports that a big quantity of ore is now on hand at the Yreka mine, Quatsino, where on the main dump 3,000 tons were piled awaiting shipment. At the Quatsino there was considerable excitement over the

POTATOES.

75 cents per 100 lbs.
(Burbank Seedlings)
Free delivery.
SYLVESTER FEED CO.,
City Market.

disappearance of a prospector named Ferguson, who recently went up to Winter Cove in a sloop. It is over two weeks since he left on his return, and it is stated that he has not since been heard from.

The Queen City had a rough trip both on the up and down voyage.

KNOWS NOTHING OF IT.

(Associated Press.)
Montreal, Dec. 20.—Second Vice-President and General Manager McNicoll, of the C. P. R., knows nothing of the reported deal by which the White Pass & Yukon railway is to pass into control of the C. P. R.

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Drake in Macaulay vs. Hamilton this morning. The case, which concerns the Yellow Jacket claim, Adlin, has been before the courts for a long time. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff with costs. A. L. Belyea, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff; D. G. Macdonnell and J. M. Bradburn for the defendant.

BLOCKADE GOES INTO EFFECT TO-DAY

THE PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY BRITAIN

Venezuelan Revolutionists Believe the Present Movement Against Castro Will Be Successful.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—The official proclamation of the blockade of Venezuelan ports was gazetted this morning and becomes effective to-day. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

"Foreign Office, Dec. 20th, 1902.
"It is hereby notified that as the United States of Venezuela have failed to comply with the demands of His Majesty's government a blockade by His Majesty's naval force of the ports of La Guayra, Carenero, Guanta, Cumana and Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco, is declared, and such blockade will be effectively maintained from and after the 20th of December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace: For vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West Indian ports and ports on the east coast of the continent of America, ten days for steamers and twenty days for sailing vessels; for other ports, twenty days for steamers and forty days for sailing vessels; for vessels leaving the ports now declared to be blockaded, fifteen days.
"Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade will render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations and by the respective treaties between His Majesty and the different neutral powers."

Question of Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to arbitration at The Hague tribunal. The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate the issue.
These were the developments over night in the Venezuelan matter, and they seem to justify the prediction made in these dispatches that the critical point had been passed. President Roosevelt does not wish to act as arbitrator in this dispute, for as such, it is felt here, he would be at once judge, jury and constable, and would be under the moral obligation to execute his own judgment. The President feels that a reference to The Hague tribunal would vastly strengthen the Court of Arbitration. Still, rather than see the present dispute proceed to extremes it is probable the President will reluctantly assume the duties of arbitrator.

The Allies Agree.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A semi-official statement made to-night says: "The invitation to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Great Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two powers on the reservations attached to the order, and the German note will agree with the English note on all essential questions."

May Be Overthrown.

Panama, Dec. 20.—News received here from the Venezuelan frontier is to the effect that the revolutionary movement against President Castro is now more powerful than ever. Gen. Mateo is said to be at the head of a strong army and to be on good terms with the representatives of the foreign powers. It is believed among the Venezuelan revolutionists that the present movement against Castro will be successful.

HUMBERTS IN THE TOILS.

Family Implicated in One of Greatest Swindles of Century Arrested by Madrid Police.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Dec. 20.—Madame Humbert, her husband, Ena Humbert, and the three D'Aurignacs, Romain, Emile and Marie, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, have been arrested here.

The police suspected a house on the Calle Ferraz. Some time yesterday Romain D'Aurignac was seen to enter the building, a search warrant was obtained, and the house surrounded. After some difficulty the police were admitted, and arrested the long sought-for defaulter. The prisoners protested that they were the victims of infamous proceedings. They threatened to "get even" with certain persons in France, and said they had come to Madrid direct from Paris. Mlle. Eva became hysterical, and Madame Humbert clasped Marie D'Aurignac and her daughter in her arms, pleading with the police, "For the love of God, do not separate me from my daughter."

The interests of all Paris was centered on May 9th last, on an empty safe at 65 Avenue De La Gonne Armee. It was supposed to contain \$200,000 left by Robert Henry Crawford, said to be an American millionaire. This sum was alleged to be held in trust by Madame Therese Humbert, who, under Mr. Crawford's first will, was constituted his sole legatee and who, on the strength of her title to the fictitious vast estate, succeeded in borrowing over \$12,000,000 from bankers, money lenders and others in France and Belgium. Eventually an investigation was started. The Hum-

berts and others connected with them in the operations fled from Paris, and when the chief of the detective department of Paris, M. Cochefert, opened the safe, brought to light the greatest swindle of the century, for the safe was found to contain nothing but an old jewel box, some old papers and the official seals which had made the swindle possible. The "fortune" having, under the terms of the second will, been represented as being held in trust until Mlle. D'Aurignac, Madame Humbert's niece, attained her majority, when all the heirs mentioned in the two wills were to come to an amicable agreement for an equitable division of the property.

The police made an inventory of the contents of the apartments, and found a parcel of jewels, valued at \$2,000, a couple of lottery tickets and about \$115 in cash. Seals were then attached to the house, and the whole family was removed to jail and placed at the disposition of the French ambassador.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Successful Entertainment Given in the Various Schools Yesterday Afternoon.

The closing exercises of North Ward school yesterday afternoon attracted a large number to the assembly room, which was crowded to the doors. An excellent program was rendered by the pupils assisted by Prof. Haynes, orchestra, and the parents and friends present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. F. Vicher, Rev. Mr. Westman, Rev. D. A. MacRae and Ald. A. G. McCandless. A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation of silver medals to the boys of the North Ward school, who had shown marked proficiency in swimming. Out of ten presented by the Lieut-Governor this school captured six. Ald. McCandless made the presentation with a few appropriate remarks.

Kingston Street.

There was a "full house" at the Kingston street school yesterday, the attendance being the largest in the history of this popular little school house. The rooms were prettily decorated, teachers and pupils showing marked talent in this direction. A Christmas cantata was given by the children in fine style, soloists and chorus distinguishing themselves in a most gratifying manner. The singing of the primary pupils was a feature of the proceedings, reflecting much credit on their teacher, D. A. Fraser, who has most ably continued the instruction inaugurated by his sister, who was compelled to relinquish her position owing to ill-health. Addresses were delivered by City Superintendent Eaton, School Inspector Stewart, who is down from the mainland for a few days, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and R. L. Dewar. The programme was concluded in a simple manner to allow the visitors to take in exercises in the other schools.

Spring Ridge School.

A large number of parents and friends visited the Spring Ridge school to witness the closing exercises yesterday morning. The pupils assembled at the usual time, and spent the first hour in their respective class rooms, where they were examined in the various subjects taught. During a short interval for recess the visitors who had already assembled were invited to look at all the class rooms, and many availed themselves of the opportunity. The whole school was beautifully decorated for the occasion; brightly colored pictures, done by the teachers with colored crayons and suggestive of Christmas time, together with specimens of the pupils' work covering all the boards, while holly and evergreens aided in giving the rooms a bright and festive appearance. In two of the rooms in the school the tables and chairs have taken the place of the ordinary desks. This is not only of great advantage in the regular school work, but it makes possible the picturesque opening and closing of the programme seen to-day. This was a "Chair March." To the music of the organ the little ones of the 3rd and 4th Divisions filed in through the rear doors carrying their chairs on their heads. Up and down the aisles they wound, until each had come to his allotted place, when the chairs were quietly lowered and the children seated. A programme of songs, recitations, etc., was then rendered, the little ones apparently enjoying it quite as much as their guests. At the close of the exercises the City Superintendent Eaton and School Inspector Stewart spoke a few words of encouragement and kindly wishes.

Equimalt.

The closing exercises of Equimalt school were held on Friday. The children were examined in several branches of their studies, and a number of recitations and dialogues creditably rendered in the presence of many interested visitors. Rev. E. C. Sharp, on behalf of the pupils, presented the teacher, Miss M. O. Campbell, with a handsome plush work box and a beautiful floral calendar as a token of their esteem and good will.

Hillside.

Hillside school closed on Friday morning with a very good programme of exercises by the children. At the conclusion addresses were given by Trustee Jay, Rev. J. F. Vicher, Rev. J. P. Hicks and A. B. McNeill. After the addresses and the dismissal of the children, the school rooms were thrown open to parents and friends, who expressed themselves very appreciatively as to the work done in the school.

RUSH FOR COAL.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—A crowd of several hundred people broke through the doors of the Northwestern Fuel Co.'s office to-day after a remarkable three hours' lock-out of the coal miners in the snow who acted as door-keeper and admitted only one customer at a time. The police restored order.

—Make Labatt's Crystal Ale your Christmas drink.

APPLICATION BY THE GRAND TRUNK

RAILWAY COMPANY SEEKS FULL POWERS

Writ for Burrard Will Be Returnable on February 28th—Over Eighty Thousand Immigrants.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Chas. Henderson Mowatt, accountant, Vancouver, has been appointed returning officer for Burrard election. The writ will be issued at once, and made returnable on February 28th.

For Civil Service.

The following have passed the qualifying examinations in the civil service: At Vancouver, Wm. Holland, John Lord, Clifford McQuarry, Alex. Matheson, Nell M. Robinson and J. W. Ritchie, B. I. B. At Nelson, D. W. Rutherford, Wm. Rutherford, F. W. Swannell. At Victoria, Clarke Mabel.

Immigration.

The immigration figures show over 80,000 arrivals for the year up to November 30th.

Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Canada Gazette to-day contains the application for the Grand Trunk Pacific, from Gravelhurst or North Bay, by the Pine River Pass or any pass to Port Simpson or Bute Inlet, or any other port. Full powers are asked for in the application, as well as to accept aid from governments, etc. Branches to Winnipeg, Calgary and Regina and other points will be built.

Incorporation.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., cattle dealers, etc., have been incorporated. The headquarters are at Winnipeg. Those getting incorporated are Frank M. Griffin, St. Thomas; Robert Robertson, Nelson; Daniel Naismith, Vancouver; James A. Griffin and James Crawford, Winnipeg.

Other Applications.

The Midway and Vernon Railway Co. will apply to parliament next session for an act declaring the railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, extending the time within which it may construct the same and giving to the company power to dispose of its railway, etc.

Application will be made to parliament next session for an act to incorporate a company to maintain and operate railways in Canada upon Mono-rail system, to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines, etc.

The Yukon Murders.

The cabinet is in session this afternoon, considering the Yukon capital cases. The minister of justice has recommended that the law take its course and therefore Laballe and Fourrier will be hanged, Laballe on January 10th and Fourrier on January 20th.

Agriculture.

Census Commissioner Blue will have a bulletin out in a few days regarding agriculture in British Columbia. It will show marvelous development during the past decade.

PRESENTED WITH PURSE.

Physical Instructor in Public Schools Remembered by Teaching Staffs of City.

Representatives from the different teaching staffs of the city schools met this morning at Pope's stationery store and, in an informal way, presented to Ian St. Clair, the physical instructor of the schools, a purse and the following address:

Victoria, December 19th, 1902.
Ian St. Clair, Esq., Physical Instructor, Victoria Public Schools.
Dear Mr. St. Clair:—We to-day bring you season's greetings from every public school in the city. Young and old, we esteem it a privilege and a pleasure at this happy Christmas time to put in words our appreciation of your daily work as you go about your duties.

Your loyalty to school institutions and your high standard of professional honor, have won for you the respect of every teacher on the city staff, while your deep, kindly, personal interest in the children themselves has not failed to raise up for you in every corner of the city an army of little people all eager to call you "friend."

As a fitting reminder of affection and good will we would ask you to accept at our hands the accompanying gift, and we would extend to you and to Mrs. St. Clair the old, old greeting of "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

(Signed) Edward B. Paul, for High school staff and pupils; Agnes Deans Cameron, for Central school staff and pupils; W. N. Winby, for West school; J. D. Glen, for Boys' Central school; Sarah S. Blackwell, for Hillside school; Miss Wheeler, for Rock Bay school; E. G. Lawson, for Kingston street school; Alex. Russell, for Spring Ridge school; L. Tait, for North Ward school.

Mr. St. Clair expressed his deep thanks to the pupils and teachers of the city for the Christmas box.

CAUGHT IN SNOW.

(Associated Press.)
Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—A blizzard has been raging in western Colorado, and all the railroads running into Denver are either blocked or badly delayed. The incoming Rock Island train stuck in the snow at Godland, Kan., and a train which should have left here at 9:30 o'clock last night over that road was abandoned. The U. P. is blocked between here and Cheyenne. All the mountain roads are badly crippled. Snow ploughs have been ordered to the rescue of the blockades.



THE REAL QUESTION—IS IT A PLASTER DOG?

John Bull—"While we're aimin' for the little bloke, maybe we can settle this dawg business."

—Chicago News.

THE BY-LAW SAVED BY SOUTH WARD

IT WAS CARRIED BY TWENTY-SIX VOTES

Only a Fourth of Those Entitled to Vote Went to the Polls—The Result.

It was the South Ward that saved the sewers extension by-law yesterday. A three-fifths vote was required to pass the enactment, and this was exceeded by about twenty-six votes. Central and North wards went about even, but the division of the city represented by the father of the by-law turned out loyally and gave the measure the largest majority of the three. Voting in the morning was rather slow, but brightened up visibly in the afternoon. In fact considerably less than half the total vote had been polled by 1 o'clock, and it was feared that the same lethargy which appeared to overcome the ratapayers when the septic tank by-law was first submitted had returned with all its irresistible drawbacks. As it was the vote wasn't large, on the contrary, it was only about a quarter of the number of names on the list, 3,700.

Polling was terminated at 4 o'clock, and counting commenced. This was completed in less than an hour, and the announcement of the result bulletined at the city hall. It was also bulletined on the Times window shortly after the result of the voting was made known. The public interest certainly wasn't intense neither after the counting nor during the day. The chances are that a large number of those who didn't vote forgot that the by-law was before them while the others who did not forget didn't care.

The total vote cast was 952, of which 507 were in favor of the by-law, and 445 against it. The last sewerage by-law to be submitted to the ratapayers was the septic tank measure, which was rejected on December 30th, 1901. The total vote then was 1,181, of which 644 were in favor of the septic tanks and 537 against them. Previous to this, however, in October, a similar by-law was defeated by the ratapayers on the following vote: For, 514; against, 347.

The final step in connection with the measure will be taken at next Monday night's regular meeting of the council, when it will be reconsidered and finally passed. Tenders for debentures to the amount of \$250,000, the sum specified in the by-law, will then be advertised for. The following is the vote polled in the different wards:

	For.	Against.	Total.
South Ward	200	85	285
Central Ward	135	93	227
North Ward	281	177	458
	507	355	862

There were two spoilt ballots in Central Ward.

THE LATE MRS. GRANT.

President Roosevelt, Ministers and Others Attended Funeral Service.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 20.—In the presence of a notable assemblage, including President Roosevelt, some of his cabinet, many of the army, navy and marine officers in the city in their dress uniforms, funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow of the former soldier president, were held in this city to-day. Immediately afterwards the body was taken to New York on a train over the Pennsylvania railroad. The main service was held in the Metropolitan Church, Rev. Dr. Frank M. Bristol, pastor of the church, officiating.

COMMISSION ADJOURNS.

(Associated Press.)
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 20.—The anthracite strike commission held its last session of the year to-day and adjourned to meet in Philadelphia on Tuesday, January 6th.

THE TRANSFER OF COAL PROPERTY

SUPT. ROBINS GIVES FURTHER DETAILS

Other Mines Will Be Included in the Deal Besides Those of New Vancouver Company.

Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, arrived from San Francisco last evening, and this morning left for Nanaimo. Mr. Robins was interviewed during his stay here with respect to the selling of the mines at Nanaimo. At the present time he is not prepared, however, to say much regarding it. He was not prepared to say what price was paid for the mines, but the figures which had been published respecting the price were incorrect. The Western Coal Company in acquiring the property were but carrying out a larger scheme. They were getting control of other coal interests as well as those of the New Vancouver Coal Company.

Superintendent Robins stated emphatically that he had no connection whatever with the new organization, which he, however, remain in Nanaimo for some time, while matters are being settled in connection with the transfer of the property.

The arrangements now entered into he believes will in a very large measure relieve the depression which has for some time existed with respect to the foreign coal market at Nanaimo. This will be most gratifying to the miners, to Nanaimo and the citizens of that city generally.

Samuel M. Robins has been superintendent of the mines at Nanaimo since 1882. Previous to that time he was connected with the Vancouver Coal Co. in their head office at London. His tenure of the office of superintendent has been a peculiarly successful one.

He has been most considerate in his treatment of the miners employed, which action on his part has been rewarded by the loyalty which those employed showed to him as superintendent and to the company. The depression in the coal market, which commenced to be seriously felt over a year ago, gave him a great deal of concern, as he expressed his dislike to making any decrease in the wages paid. This new move, which he believes will very materially assist in removing this depression, will, therefore, be quite as gratifying to Mr. Robins as to the miners themselves.

MANY HAVE PERISHED.

(Associated Press.)
Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Yesterday's blizzard was the worst known here. It is believed that considerable loss of life will result. All the stages running from Laramie, except that to Centennial, forty miles, returned after vainly trying to brave the storm. The Centennial stage has not returned, and it is feared the driver and his passengers have perished.

A special from Cheyenne says the coal shortage, which has already caused hardship, has been accentuated by the storm, which made it impossible to deliver coal in the city. All street traffic has been stopped. The storm continues unabated.

FORGER'S SUICIDE.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 20.—The three bank note forgers, committed for trial on December 10th, pleaded guilty, and were sentenced in the old Bailey to-day, Philip Bernstein to twenty years, Solomon Barnham to fifteen years, and William Barnham to ten years' imprisonment.

After having been removed to their cells Solomon Barnham shot and killed himself. The police were dumbfounded at Barnham's death.

The prisoner became paralyzed after his arrest and was carried to the infirmary. While in confinement he was apparently helpless. It is thought friends who visited him in the infirmary some days ago, gave him the revolver with which he killed himself. The trial of the six other defendants in the case is proceeding.



WHAT TO BUY
At Xmas time is usually a vexing question.
If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.
If for a gentleman, what is more suitable than a pair of military hair brushes? We have a large stock to choose from, at prices which are very reasonable.
We will be pleased to show you our stock of Xmas goods, which includes, among other things, Ebony Mirrors, Mantel Sets, Curling Sets, etc., etc.
Campbell's Prescription Store
PORT AND DOUGLAS STS., VICTORIA, B. C.



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Come and see our bargain tables in Fancy China and Glassware from 50c upwards. We have a number of articles which are sure to be very acceptable, as well as useful, and our prices are sure to tempt you. All goods marked in plain figures.
G. A. D. FLITTON, - 129 Douglas Street.
NEARLY OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY TO GERMANY SAYS EXECUTIVE WILL INVESTIGATE CLAIMS

The Note Was Sent to Kaiser's Representative Before Outbreak of Hostilities.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—The local correspondent of the Associated Press has secured a copy of the answer made by the Venezuelan government to the German note addressed to Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, by Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the German envoy, and dated Caracas, December 7th. This answer was transmitted by the foreign office to Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi on December 9th. It is signed by Lopez Baralt, and is as follows:

"Caracas, Dec. 7th, 1902.

"To the Hon. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi:
"Sir,—On the afternoon of the 7th instant, a feast day, an employee of the German legation called at my private residence for the purpose of delivering a note from you of that date. Courtesy alone caused me to accept this note under these circumstances. I think it is necessary, before stating the purposes and desires of the federal executive, to refer to certain points in the first portion of your note, which are subject to rectification in order to reconcile the essential object of the note with the circumstances of the case. The argument which the Venezuelan government recites in its communication of May 9th, in which exception was taken to all the doctrine set forth in the preceding correspondence, is cited in the said note as the only argument of the Venezuelan government against diplomatic interference in matters of a certain nature. In this note, as in the memo of March, 1901, this argument is based upon the highest principles of international law.
"The Venezuelan government perceived with the utmost surprise that you attribute to it a desire to consider this point only in the light of interior legislation by citing from our note of May 9th, of this year, the 20th article of the treaty of amity, or commerce and navigation between the German government and the republic of Colombia, of the 23rd of July, 1892. Our only desire was to add another proof to those already brought forward with regard to the assent of the Imperial government to this same doctrine as maintained by Venezuela. Certain cases are now cited as precedents to enter into diplomatic relations to effect a settlement. These cases explain themselves. The payment of certain credits relating to remote epochs were adjusted with France and the doctrine maintained by Venezuela was then respected. In the convention concluded with Spain in 1898, there appears circumstances analogous to these which determine what you yourself call the 'agreement of the 6th of February, 1896, between the German minister at Caracas and the Venezuelan minister of finance.' The said agreement referred

to claims which previously had been classified by the proper junta, and in this agreement the validity of the executive decree which provided regulations for the examination and payment of said claims is recognized, and said claims were satisfied in accordance with the law on the subject. Your observation with regard to the strict limitation of time in which the proceedings are to be brought before the junta are entirely wanting in force.
"Regarding the morality of the judges, it is not possible to admit the partiality attributed to them by the imperial legation.
"The Venezuelan government is unable to discover in its correspondence a single sentence offensive in tone. The desire of this government, notwithstanding the fact that throughout this correspondence it has noted the expression of opinions little friendly to this republic, is to ascertain which sentences contain the slightest offence to the Imperial government in order to explain the same with the utmost courtesy.
"I now have to express the opinion and attitude of the Venezuelan government with regard to your final deductions and concerning the motives which led you to present them in the name of the government of the German empire. It has been decided that, since the proper junta is already installed, procedure cannot be dilatory nor differ from the form prescribed by international law. Regarding the other points, it is necessary to call your attention to the abnormal circumstances which have paralyzed any course of action relating to these matters. The Venezuelan govern-

ment is now considering the appointment of a fiscal agent.
"The Imperial government desires that the government of Venezuela immediately satisfy the claims of German subjects, arising from the civil war, and that the other matters in which the interests of German subjects are involved be arbitrated. In order that this be done, it becomes necessary that the declaration be made of the claims under consideration, and if they are just, the federal executive, as the representative of an honorable and cultured government, hasten to give assurances that as such these claims will be examined. Treatment with the interested parties will facilitate, hasten or end in the satisfaction of said obligations. The Venezuelan government only awaits such time when the work of pacification in which it is engaged shall permit it to issue an order re-establishing public credit. The claims arising out of the present war, which still devastates the republic, will be treated with all justice under the laws to be passed to cover the requirements. Upon the special command of my government I refrain from replying to that part of your name which relates to joint action on the part of Germany and the United Kingdom. A power like Venezuela, which is in need of no stimulus to prompt it to fulfill its legal obligations to its utmost ability, can never expect in its intercourse with other cultured nations any course of action which shall not conform to the principles of mutual respect and respect for reciprocal cordiality. (Signed) R. Lopez Baralt."

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 19.—It is reported here that former Venezuelan revolutionary generals with a force, said to number 10,000 men, are marching on Caracas, and are believed now to be near that city. Cable messages coming from Venezuela to this port are subjected to Venezuelan censorship. Admiral Douglas, of the British fleet, has ordered the blockade of La Guayra, Caranero, Guanta, Cumana, Camupano and the mouth of the Orinoco river. This blockade is to go into effect at midnight, December 20th.

SHOT HIS TEACHER.

Noted Female Anarchist Wounded by a Former Pupil.

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Sir William Mulock has returned to the city from the Hot Springs, Virginia. He says the Premier is enjoying excellent health, and has gone to St. Augustine, Fla.

THIRTY WITNESSES

Tell of Alleged Boycotts, Intimidations and Violence.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—Non-union men, some of their relatives and others to the number of 30, appeared before the anthracite coal strike commission today, and told their stories of alleged boycotts, intimidations, dynamiting, and violence in various forms, during the late strike. Each witness called was a sufferer in one form or another at the hands, they alleged, of union men. Four witnesses said attempts were made to blow up their houses. One house was badly damaged, many of the witnesses were threatened with brutal harm; several were beaten, one was shot in the leg, and every store boycotted. One school teacher testified to having lost his position because his father did not strike. One man was asked to resign from a Roman Catholic temperance society, and another witness was expelled from a social lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians after a membership of 20 or 25 years, because they were classed as unfair workmen.

Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The pastor of the Anglo-American church at St. Petersburg says the conditions to-day are worse than those of 1867, when 100,000 persons died.

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ment is now considering the appointment of a fiscal agent.
"The Imperial government desires that the government of Venezuela immediately satisfy the claims of German subjects, arising from the civil war, and that the other matters in which the interests of German subjects are involved be arbitrated. In order that this be done, it becomes necessary that the declaration be made of the claims under consideration, and if they are just, the federal executive, as the representative of an honorable and cultured government, hasten to give assurances that as such these claims will be examined. Treatment with the interested parties will facilitate, hasten or end in the satisfaction of said obligations. The Venezuelan government only awaits such time when the work of pacification in which it is engaged shall permit it to issue an order re-establishing public credit. The claims arising out of the present war, which still devastates the republic, will be treated with all justice under the laws to be passed to cover the requirements. Upon the special command of my government I refrain from replying to that part of your name which relates to joint action on the part of Germany and the United Kingdom. A power like Venezuela, which is in need of no stimulus to prompt it to fulfill its legal obligations to its utmost ability, can never expect in its intercourse with other cultured nations any course of action which shall not conform to the principles of mutual respect and respect for reciprocal cordiality. (Signed) R. Lopez Baralt."

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 19.—It is reported here that former Venezuelan revolutionary generals with a force, said to number 10,000 men, are marching on Caracas, and are believed now to be near that city. Cable messages coming from Venezuela to this port are subjected to Venezuelan censorship. Admiral Douglas, of the British fleet, has ordered the blockade of La Guayra, Caranero, Guanta, Cumana, Camupano and the mouth of the Orinoco river. This blockade is to go into effect at midnight, December 20th.

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Montreal, Dec. 19.—The local police force and its administration is to undergo a close investigation. A few days ago Alderman Leboeuf, chairman of the police committee, at a meeting of the committee, referred to the failure of the city recorder to make convictions in certain cases. This morning Recorder Poirer from the bench decried Ald. Leboeuf's charges, and made a savage attack on the committee, charging it with suppressing certain things in the interest of certain members of the force, and certain aldermen. As a result, Ald. Leboeuf has given notice that he will, at a meeting of the council on Monday, ask for the appointment of a royal commission by the Quebec government to make a thorough and impartial investigation.

CZAR'S CLEMENCY.

Amnesty Granted Students Banished to Siberia For Rioting on His Name Day.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The czar has granted amnesty to the students who were banished for rioting on his name day. He telegraphed to the minister of the interior as follows: "Let the students who were banished for creating disturbances return from Siberia, although they should not for the present be allowed to live in towns where there are high schools. Care must, nevertheless, be taken that the young men on their return be entrusted to the keeping of their families, as such surroundings will familiarize them with order. The telegram, which is equivalent to an Imperial decree, pardons 62 students exiled to Siberia, in addition to the 62 students previously pardoned."

MEETING OF PREMIERS.

Proceedings at Quebec Were Private—Hon. S. N. Parent, Chairman.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The first business meeting of the provincial premiers and their respective cabinet ministers taking part in the inter-provincial conference commenced this morning at 10 o'clock in the executive chambers of the Quebec government. The proceedings are absolutely private, and nothing has been given to the press for publication. The meeting lasted till 1 o'clock, when an adjournment took place for lunch, which was provided by the Hon. S. N. Parent, Premier of Quebec. Premier Ross, of Ontario, and Premier Prior, of British Columbia, are the only premiers not attending.

CECILIA.

A Story of Modern Rome, by F. Marion Crawford.

The scene of Mr. Crawford's latest romance, which deals somewhat with telepathy, the transmigration of souls, and with a great friendship between man and man, is laid in modern Roman official society. In the present volume the scene is in no wise necessary to the story itself, except to furnish it with that atmosphere in which the supernatural may struggle with reality before the well-arranged perspective of a historical background, made up of the Temple of Pallas in the Forum of ancient Rome. The idea upon which the theme is evidently based recalls De Maupassant's "Peter Abbotson," although it is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Crawford's treatment of the half-real meetings of a man and a woman in their dreams is very different from that of the author of "Tribby." The plot itself concerns a young woman in whom the author has evidently attempted to produce the Hellenic perfection of intellect and beauty; a man who loves her in the usual, commonplace sort of way, and his friend, a commonplace sort of man, who loves her in a most extraordinary sort of way, on the assumption that they had been lovers in ancient Rome—she as an exiled Vestal Virgin and he as a Roman convert to Christianity. When they meet, in the book, in the salotto of a modern Roman matron, she recognizes him at once, while that very night he dreams of the circumstances of their supposed former existence, and the next morning they meet unexpectedly at the ruined Temple of Pallas, each evidently being drawn hither by some curious dominating force. There are several characters in the book, together with an artful auxiliary plot. Copp Clark & Co., Toronto, are the publishers.

IN FAVOR OF COMPANY.

Decision in Case of Taff Vale Railway Against Society of Railroad Servants.

London, Dec. 19.—After a long trial in the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice, the case of the Taff Vale Railway Company against the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants, involving many questions of the utmost importance to trades unionism, resulted today in a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. The latter complained of malicious molestation, picketing, intimidation, etc., during the strike of 1900. The judge reserved his decision on the question of damages until the next sitting of the court.

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THE SEWER BY-LAW.

The ratepayers of Victoria as a whole did not exhibit a great deal of interest in the matter of sewer extension. Comparatively few of them took the trouble to go to the polls and give expression to their opinions as to the necessity of providing the city with up-to-date sanitary appliances. But that is not an unusual state of affairs in Victoria. The point of importance is that a sufficient number were imbued with such a high sense of duty to themselves, their neighbors and to posterity as to come forth and mark the close of the year by approving one of the most important measures that has engaged the attention of the present Aldermanic Board. Viewed from any standpoint, moral, sanitary, or business, the voters approved of a most important work yesterday. The effect will be salutary in every respect beyond doubt.

Ald. Barnard, as the active spirit in the work, is entitled to the chief credit for the final settlement. He is understood to have entered the municipal arena for the express purpose of advocating the completion of the sewers. He has furnished to his brethren in the council an example of what may be accomplished by earnestness and persistence. He found in opposition to his plans all the elements which usually place obstructions in the path of the advocate of progress and reform. But the representative of the South Ward was neither dismayed nor disheartened. Filled in one scheme for improvement, he turned his attention to another. And he had his reward yesterday. The ratepayers of the South Ward will scarcely be content to lose the services of so faithful a representative.

But while the fullest measure of credit must be accorded to Ald. Barnard, we must not forget that there are others in the council who seconded his efforts most faithfully and gave him the benefit of their larger experience in municipal affairs. Ald. McCandless was the first to promulgate the idea of borrowing money on the security of the sewer rentals and completing the system with the greatest possible celerity. We believe if confirmation of this assertion is considered necessary it will be found in the report of the speeches made during the progress of the last municipal campaign and in the published debates of the council. Nevertheless Ald. McCandless would be the last man to attempt to minimize the importance of the work accomplished by Ald. Barnard.

NORTH VICTORIA.

The battle is now fairly joined in North Victoria. The Colonel has donned his war paint and is indulging in statements quite as glaring as any uniform he ever put on. He must take the electors of the constituency to be a very simple-minded lot or he would be more careful in his utterances. To hold that the members of a cabinet are not equally responsible with the Premier for all the acts and policies of a government is a new political doctrine and worthy of the original character who has undertaken to promulgate it.

The Colonel says it was Mr. Dunsmyth who alone was responsible for the disfranchisement of North Victoria for close upon a year. The late Premier has been sent into the wilderness with all the sins of his government upon his head. Does not that clearly establish the innocence of the present Premier and all his colleagues of that time? Privately the Colonel says he strove to convince Mr. Dunsmyth that he was committing a grievous offence in denying North Victoria their rights. Publicly he got up in the House and stated in the candid manner for which he is famous that the government had no intention of bringing on the election in North Victoria until it got ready. It took a good while to get ready.

In the first place, at a certain stage in the career of the late government, an additional member in the ranks of the opposition would have meant defeat. In the second place, there was not the slightest doubt that the electors of the constituency were in such a frame of mind that the turning down of any candidate appearing in the name of the gov-

ernment was certain. Under the circumstances it is perhaps not remarkable that the late government never got ready to bring on an election in North Victoria. Now the present Premier disclaims all responsibility for the acts of his predecessor, although he was an accessory to some of the most reprehensible of the said acts. He claims credit for the haste with which the election in North Victoria was brought on by himself, and that he should be relieved from all responsibility for the injustice inflicted in the past. A very ingenious plea. But the Colonel could scarcely do anything else than bring on the election. It would be a rather difficult task to justify the disfranchisement of the constituency for another year. Besides it has been carefully nursed by Mr. Robertson for a twelvemonth, and if the electors are not now in a frame of mind to look with a tolerant eye upon the sins of the government they never will be.

At the present juncture the electors of North Victoria owe a duty to themselves and to the whole of British Columbia. As men of spirit they cannot afford to condone the injustice the present government—which is but an inadequately expurgated edition of the late one—has inflicted upon them. And it is their duty to tell the Ministers on polling day that the act of injustice perpetrated upon one section of the province cannot be repeated with impunity in another section. If the government carries North Victoria it will be able to tell the representative of the Crown that the electors of the constituency directly interested have approved of the advice tendered him by his Ministers, although that counsel was manifestly in antagonism to all the principles of responsible government. If they signify their approval of the course of the administration, that administration, if it finds itself in danger of being placed in a minority by a reverse in West Yale, will be tempted to treat that constituency as it treated North Victoria. To the remonstrances of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor the very effective reply will be in order that the course of the government in the past has been vindicated by the only tribunal capable of pronouncing upon the matter.

The duty of North Victoria is obvious, and its responsibility is serious. It can only perform its duty and relieve itself of responsibility by electing Mr. Patterson.

HARD TIMES AHEAD?

Mr. James J. Hill says the United States has reached the summit of the mountain of prosperity and is preparing to go down on the other side with a rush. The president of the Great Northern says the rush may be made all the swifter by the crisis in connection with the Venezuelan matter. It is claimed on behalf of Mr. Hill that he is an optimist, and that his words on that account should have all the greater weight. And yet we think we remember the same gentleman on a former occasion donning the mantle of the seer and indulging in similar prophecies. They did not come to pass then. The predictions may fall again. We hope they shall. Our relations with the United States are quite intimate enough for us to feel keenly the effects of a depression there notwithstanding the fact that our country is at present the most prosperous in the world. Mr. Hill reasons as follows:

"I am not one of those fellows who cross their bridges before they get to them—'alarmists,' I think you call them," said Mr. Hill to-night. "I am disposed to be cheerful about most things. But I can't see anything in the present financial situation to cause me to do any rejoicing. Things look serious. They are bad already, and what's more, to the point, they are destined to grow worse. This country has reached the top of its prosperity. If the serious downward movement has not already begun, it is not far off. There are more reasons than one for this; chief among them is the uncertain state of mind in which the New York men find themselves from day to day. Uncertainty is the worst thing on earth for the moneyed interests of a country. They fear the United States will be drawn into a war with England and Germany. Many of them actually expect a clash with Germany."

Mr. Hill is unnecessarily disturbed. The possibility of a clash of arms over Venezuela is very remote. The powers have signified their confidence in the disinterestedness of President Roosevelt by offering to submit their claims to his judgment. That proposition will tickle the vanity of Americans and change completely their point of view. The only danger of a great war lay in the possibility of the democracy of the United States insisting upon "butting in." The prospects are not so gloomy as Mr. Hill thinks.

According to the Financial Times: The Canadian commercial agent at Sydney, reporting upon the condition of the Australasian States, says the Commonwealth is neither on the brink of starvation nor bankruptcy, though the drought persists in some sections. Wool will show a decrease of 100,000 to 200,000 bales, but the loss in this respect will be counterbalanced by the increased production of gold. The trade of Sydney has fallen off £3,000,000.

The blockade of Venezuela ports becomes effective to-day. There is no intimation that American vessels will receive preferential treatment. Now what will Dewey do?

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AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

To the Editor:—Dr. I. W. Powell in his letter, published in your last issue, while replying to remarks made by Mr. Machin at the last meeting of the board of trade, expressed surprise at my having recommended that the government should change the location of the Agent-General's office in London, claiming that the present office is both central and suitable. Now, sir, while heartily endorsing every word Dr. Powell has penned on behalf of our esteemed representative, feeling, as I do, that British Columbia is fortunate in having for its agent a gentleman who is not only popular, but both capable and experienced, for filling the position he occupies, still I am forced to draw issue with the doctor in regard to the suitability of the present location for the agency. Had Dr. Powell heard my remarks at the board of trade when moving the resolution, he would not, I think, have confined his argument on that point solely to the question of a central location. For the gist of my expressed contention was that I considered it necessary that the government should obtain suitable offices in a centrally located building on the ground floor, with a frontage on some well known public thoroughfare, such as King William street, Oxford street, Charing Cross, Strand, or any other well established thoroughfare, with the object of attracting the attention of the public, from time to time, examples of the varied resources of the province, such as the products of mines, fisheries, forests, farms, etc., emphasizing my views by explaining the practical manner in which the Canadian Pacific railway conducted their London agency in King William street, where from morning till night crowds of passers-by are constantly attracted by the varied displays in their windows of grain and other produce from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Also, with illustrations of the advantages they offer to emigrants and others to locate on their lands or travel by their rail cars. In fact, everything in connection with the selection and management of their office plainly denotes that they have grasped the situation and know how to make their efforts financially successful. I wonder if a practical company like the C. P. R. could be induced to remove their quarters to some up-stairs office in Finsbury Circus, quite out of the way of regular traffic? I think not.

In plain words, I would say that I consider, if the government wishes to make its London agency a success financially and otherwise, they should provide a suitable, well situated, permanent office for their agent, instead of, as in the past, expecting their representative to defray cost of both office and assistance out of their annual allowance, which has resulted in changing both the location and offices during the last few years to three distinctly different parts of London.

S. J. PITTS.

UP TO THE MAYOR.

To the Editor:—In Thursday morning's Colonist Mayor, in referring to his speech at the Sons of England dinner, said: "Fortunately for him the reporter had reported him fully." Alderman McCandless in the Times of the same date says the reporter "did not report that speech," but that Mayor Hayward wrote it himself.

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—On January 8th and 9th the Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets to Kansas City, Mo., for \$60.00, good for thirty days, with privilege of returning via California, at a small additional cost. For full particulars apply at Northern Pacific ticket office.

—To-night at the drill hall, in conjunction with the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert, the Fernwood and Victoria West basketball teams will meet in a senior league match. An excellent musical programme, already published in our columns, will be rendered by the regimental band.

—A request is made that all accounts in connection with the Fifth Regiment band be sent in at once to Capt. LaHegle. A general meeting of the committee of management will be held in the drill hall on Tuesday evening next to wind up all business in connection with the affair.

—At the Socialist party's regular meeting in Labor hall to-morrow evening, an address will be given by J. C. Waters on "The Evolution of the Class Struggle." Member of the Provincial Progressive party are invited. Music will be provided and everyone will be made welcome.

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—The funeral of the late F. J. Bellinger, who died in Vancouver, took place in that city yesterday morning. The deceased was well known in this city, having resided here for about 20 years. He came to Victoria from Chicago. Entering into business he followed the occupation of a contractor until a few years ago, when he retired. He was 71 years of age. His widow and five of a family survive him. His three sons, Albert, John and Frank, and a daughter, Mrs. J. Hartney, live in this city. The remaining member of the family, Mrs. Stevens, resides in Moodyville.

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—H. M. S. Flora left Devenport for Esquimalt on the 26th of last month.

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—The Sir William Wallace Society held their usual meeting last night. Pipe music and "Auld Scots Songs" were included in the programme. W. A. Robertson gave a description of Graham Island, its resources and geological formation. Nominations for officers for the ensuing term were received.

—Next Monday evening in Labor hall at 8.30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe will deliver a lecture entitled "Workmen in Politics." In view of the prominent part taken by labor in the local and political questions of the day it is anticipated that the lecture will prove very interesting. All are invited. During the evening a programme of instrumental music will be furnished by the Parfitt orchestra.

—Semple's hall, Victoria West, received a visit from Santa Claus and his brother last night, when the children of the Methodist church Sunday school were given their annual Christmas entertainment. The event was full of excitement for the youngsters. There were two Christmas trees, and the appearance of these loaded down almost to the breaking point, with everything that the juvenile might crave, was dazzling in the extreme. Dr. Lewis Hall, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided over the entertainment, and a programme of a varied character was provided, among the conspicuous features being a cantata by children, under the direction of Mrs. Black and Miss Okell, the "Brownies" and the "Winter Queen." The entertainment is the first of the winter of the Christmas series, and was very largely attended.

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—Mail advices from the North tell of an eight thousand dollar fire which occurred at Dawson on the 4th inst. The fire broke out in the Rystory building and damaged a number of public houses before extinguished. In fighting the conflagration the firemen worked under great difficulties. Drenched with water, a Dawson paper describes them as roasting on one side while freezing on the other, the thermometer having registered 50 below zero at the time.

—Another notice of motion adorns the city hall bulletin board relating to the referendum and the eight-hour question. It is by Ald. Williams, and is to the effect that at the time of the municipal elections the electors be asked the subjoined question. If answered in the affirmative by a majority of the voters recorded, eight hours shall be the maximum number of working hours on corporation work and contracts, commencing on the first of March. The question is as follows: Shall the maximum number of working hours on the works of the corporation and their contracts be limited to eight?



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CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

"There is so charming in her manner, so graceful in all her movements, so delightfully fresh and piquant in every respect, that it is, perhaps, not to be wondered at that, like a fool, I lost my heart to her."

"Why like a fool?" Phil questioned.

"That I will tell you later on. You do not know, perhaps, that she was the inspiration of my pictures."

"I saw that you had caught her likeness in your central figure," Phil answered.

"Well, the truth is I should never have painted it but for her; she haunted my dreams and filled my heart and inspired my imagination. So, instead of forgetting her, my passion kept all the more intensely the longer I remained away from her, and when at length she came to London, and I found myself alone with her one morning in the Embankment Gardens, like an impatient fool, I blurted out all the truth in a moment."

"And her answer?" Phil questioned after a pause.

"Oh, her answer was all that I could desire; but, then, what dependence is one able to put on the words of a woman? For the moment she seemed pleased and flattered; she allowed me to speak to her father, and Mr. Cleveland gave his consent, and for a couple of months I have lived in a fool's paradise, and imagined that the world was one great garden of beauty, and that life was all that my dreams had pictured."

"Well?" Phil questioned after a pause.

"Oh, well, we wrote to each other regularly, and I was fool enough to imagine that her love would continue. But yesterday I got a letter after she had kept me two days waiting, to say that the dream we had cherished had ended. She professed to be inspired by some high sense of duty. Her sister Elizabeth, she would die if Dorothy were to leave her, and so Dorothy concludes that her place is by her sister's side. Of course, I am not to be considered; my suffering and my humiliation are nothing. This saintly hypocrite Elizabeth rules the establishment and imposes her selfish will upon everybody. Whether Dorothy is glad to escape from her promise, made, it may be, all too quickly, or whether in a spirit of chivalry to her sister and a desire for martyrdom, she is prepared to give me up, I do not know. I can simply state the bald facts."

"And you have been there this morning?"

"I went hoping that I might see her and get some further explanation."

"And you have failed?"

"She refused to see me; professed that it would only make her more miserable and add to the burden of her grief."

Phil did not reply, but a strange, far-away look came into his eyes and a pathetic smile played about his mouth. Basil pulled at his cigar savagely, and blew huge volumes of smoke from his mouth. After a while he spoke again:

"You have done well, Phil," he said, "in never having anything to do with women. Unhappy is the man that loses his heart to any daughter of Eve."

"No, don't say that, Basil," Phil answered, quietly and gently; "you are feeling bitter and angry just now, one cannot wonder at that; but you must be careful that you do not throw the blame on the wrong shoulders."

"I know you think highly of Dorothy," Basil said, "and perhaps she is no worse than the rest of her sex. They are all well enough at a distance, but if you once get into their toils then woe betide you."

"Don't be impatient, Basil," Phil replied; "perhaps the tangle will straighten itself out after a while. I am sure that Dorothy would not act in any mean or capricious fashion."

"If she had treated you as she has treated me, I don't think you would be quite so charitable," Basil answered, bitterly.

"Yes, I think I should," Phil answered, quietly. "It is with her choice of life, and she has chosen the one which commends itself to her conscience. Possibly, my friend, she is suffering far more to-day than you are suffering. That is where the heroism of her nature comes in. She is ready to sacrifice her happiness on the altar of right and duty."

"Right and duty be damned!" Basil said, angrily. "She told me that she loved me, she promised to be my wife, her duty lay there, her promise to me should have been held sacred."

"I do not deny that she may be mistaken in her judgment," Phil answered. "I think she is; but don't blame her harshly, Basil, or you may regret it in the time to come."

Basil took the stump of his cigar from his mouth and dropped it into the ash-tray. An angry retort rose to his lips, but he checked himself, and a moment later the gong sounded for lunch.

During the rest of the day the name of Dorothy was not mentioned. The two friends discussed pictures and politics and the weather. They took a walk which brought them in sight of Sandhurst; but the subject that was uppermost in the thoughts of both was not alluded to.

On the following morning Basil returned to London.

CHAPTER XII.

To Be, or Not to Be.

When Basil got back to his studio he made a bonfire of Dorothy's letters and photographs; then he carefully removed all the sketches that contained her portrait. There was determined, if possible, that there should be nothing in his studio to remind him of her; he would put her out of his life absolutely and completely. He would like to tear the page out of the book of his life and throw it into the flames. It was an episode to be forgotten. He would go on his way as though the past year had never been, as though such a place as Sandhurst had no existence, as though Dorothy and her sister were simply creatures of his imagination, people who had come to him for a moment in his dreams and then had vanished into nothingness.

To break his heart over any woman he regarded as a sign of weakness, and to trouble over such an experience as he had passed through would be unworthy of any man of strength and courage and ordinary intelligence. No, he would prove to himself and prove to others who knew anything about his experience that he could rise superior to such small events.

He steadily and stubbornly refused to look at the matter from Dorothy's point of view; he would look at it simply from his own standpoint. He tried to persuade himself that she was like most other women—that she loved conquest, that she was proud of flattery, that it was a pleasure to trifle with a man's affections, and when she had won his declaration of love, to fling him aside so that she might make some fresh conquest in another direction.

His heart protested against his judgment, but he resolved that he would not listen to the pleadings of his heart.

"No, no," he would say, bitterly, "she is like the rest of her sex; they are all of the same pattern, they never know their own minds two days on the stretch. Very likely she fancied that she loved me, and then discovered that it was only a passing mood. All this talk about duty, about obedience to a higher sense of honor and responsibility, is only a mere excuse to get out of the engagement. Well, it's a mercy for me it went no further. I am well rid of a shallow and heartless woman."

In his better moments he knew that he was doing Dorothy an injustice. His heart told him that she was not shallow, that she was not flippant, that she was not of the kind who rejoice in making conquests. But if he had listened to his heart he would have moped and yielded to grief and repining.

Nevertheless, in the long run, his heart proved the victor. It was easy enough to strut about his studio and rave at women in general and at Dorothy in particular; easy enough to utter boastful words that he would put the whole circumstance out of his life, and that his future should be as though the past year of mingled pain and bliss had had no existence. It was even easy to reason himself into intellectual assent to all his tirades against Dorothy, but the human heart is never amenable to reason. Where the affections are concerned, judgment has very little chance. The flower of his love had struck its root so deeply that in pulling it out he tore out his heart with it.

Sometimes in his dream he wandered again with Dorothy in the garden or across the park at Sandhurst, and they talked together without restraint, and built their beautiful castles in the air and dreamt of wedded happiness; so that when he awoke he had his old battle to fight over again and all his arguments to marshal in array before him once more.

All this was very dispiriting, and at times he felt that he was gaining no real mastery over himself. Now and then he fancied that he had succeeded in banishing Dorothy's face from his mind and heart, then suddenly and unexpectedly a great wave of memory and longing would sweep over him, deluging all his beliefs and resolutions, and he would see their castles of sand swept away by the resistless tide.

Among his friends he made no sign of what he had suffered, and was still suffering. In company he put a brave face upon his disappointment, and appeared to be as cheerful as in the old times. But those who were able to look beneath the surface detected a ring of insincerity in his laugh, and saw now and then a distant and pathetic look creep into his eyes. He tried to find his chief consolation in his work, but after making innumerable attempts he was ready to throw down his brushes and palette and give up in despair.

He was naturally anxious to live up to the reputation he had made, but as the summer and autumn wore slowly away he began to lose heart. His Academy picture became almost an old man of the sea about his neck. He felt that it would never do to appear before the public again with inferior work. He must, if he was to retain his reputation, do something even better. He knew that the public was fickle, that the art critics were exacting, and that unless he fulfilled in his next year's work the promise given in the last, he might drop back again into the obscurity from which he had suddenly emerged; and he knew, also, that if he thus failed it would be harder than ever for him to climb again into prominence.

So his success became a tyrant and a nightmare. Had he never painted "My Lady Bountiful" he would still be able to do good, conscientious work that would find a fairly ready sale, sufficient at any rate to keep him from starvation. But to be compelled to live up to his success, to reach high water-mark in every successive effort, appeared to him a task altogether beyond his strength. So he became depressed and despondent.

He knew well enough where the difficulty lay—that he lacked that something which men called inspiration. He was ambitious still. He still took pains with his work, but he lacked the secret of his first success. Last year Dorothy filled his heart and his life. She was before him constantly; she was his hope and his inspiration. But now he was a sad and a lonely man. It seemed a strange and bitter irony that she who had inspired his work and made it great should now rob him of his power and render him almost helpless. He felt angry at times that any woman could so influence a man's life, that by a mere whim or caprice she could make him or mar him. He had often heard his friends speak of women as "our masters," and in the days before he knew Dorothy he had scorned the idea and treated the remark as unworthy of serious thought or consideration. But he began to realize now how completely true it was. Whether she loved him or rejected him, whether she favored him or repelled him, she was still his master.

It was a humbling confession to make even to himself, but he knew it was true; and the very fact that it was a truth that could not be gainsaid, made him angry. It seemed so humiliating; it branded him with such a deep mark of weakness and almost of inferiority that

WHAT THE MERMAID SAW IN THE CANADIAN LAKES.

A Message to Canadian Women.

Being a Mermaid of the Canadian Lakes, I only know Canadian women as they can be seen from my watery bed in the vast depths. I often wonder if up there in the sunlight you have pretty dolls, mountains, and sandy waters, such as we have in dear old water-land. I don't know about your mountains and your dolls, but I do know you must have wastes; for every day, and particularly on one day of the week, you send down to us more waste than you know of.

When your soap suds flow into our puny waters, or have the power of sight to divide in the water the truth from the false; and we find that in your soap suds there is a mixture that you cannot see, a mixture of silicates, ground glass, and adulterations that never dissolve in water, and consequently make us useless for washing purposes. You must waste money in buying such concoctions, you waste time in using them, you waste your clothes in rubbing them in. Alas! there is a lot of waste up there in the sunlight; but there is no waste in Sunlight Soap. Where Sunlight Soap is used by any of you, I find no loading refuse, no adulteration coming down to me in any home in the deep. Sunlight Soap reduces expense in the wear of clothes, and you don't waste money on loading mixtures, such as I have seen in common soap suds.

Please, dear Canadian women, don't send down any soap suds but those of Sunlight Soap. Have respect for your dear Canadian waters, and your purses, is the message of the Mermaid of the Canadian Lakes. 611

he resented the very suggestion, and yet there was no escape from it. Whether he liked it or disliked it, whether he felt honored or humiliated, the fact remained that Dorothy was his master still. Whether he loved her or whether he hated her, whether he cherished her memory or tried to put her out of his heart, she was still the dominating factor in his life. She first made him strong, and then reduced him to weakness. By her love she made him great, by withdrawing it she made him almost contemptible.

(To be continued.)

FIFTH REGIMENT BALL.

A Successful Dance Given in Assembly Hall Last Evening.

The Fifth Regiment ball given last evening in Assembly hall was in every respect a successful function. The arrangements had been carried out with energy by the various committees. These were as follows: Decorations, Lieut. Harris, Capt. Spurrier, Corp. Boorman, Br. Haskett, G. Ware, McKay, Foote, Thraw, Hughes and Wales; supper, Capt. Langley, G. Duncan, Porter and Doyle; reception, Lieut. Paton, C. S. M. Lindsay, Serg. Hayward, Bandmaster Finn and G. Laurie.

The decorations were essentially military. Drapings of red and white and blue, with flags and military pictures, assisted in accomplishing this end.

Around the walls were arranged in suitable lists the different commanding officers of the district, and also those of the different militia organizations, which had their headquarters in this city. These were as follows:

Deputy adjutant-general and D. O. commanding: Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., succeeded by Col. Laurie, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, Lieut.-Col. Peters, Lieut.-Col. Benson and Lieut.-Col. Holmes.

Officers commanding companies and regiments:

Captain commanding No. 1 Company, Victoria Rifles, on formation: F. J. Roscoe, succeeded by Capt. R. Wolfenden.

Captain commanding No. 2 Company, Victoria Rifles, on formation: C. E. Peckley, succeeded by Capt. J. G. Vinter, E. M. Fletcher and P. Wallcott.

Captain commanding Victoria Company of Artillery, on formation: C. T. Dupont.

Major commanding Provisional Regiment of Garrison Artillery: C. T. Dupont.

Lieutenant-colonel commanding British Columbia Brigade Garrison Artillery (now "Fifth Regiment"): R. Wolfenden, succeeded by E. G. Prior, F. B. Gregory, R. Moore and A. A. Hall.

The dancing, for which G. Colley, of No. 5 Co., acted as floor manager, was much enjoyed. The orchestra of the Fifth Regiment furnished excellent music.

The room was crowded, an additional splendor being given to this ball over others by the presence of so many men in gorgeous uniform.

The supper tables were made brilliant by the addition of the mess plate of the regiment and the many trophies won by the members of the Fifth. The supper served was in every way in keeping with the other arrangements.

Never has the regiment held a more successful function of this kind than the dance given last evening.

John Roche, M. P. for East Galway, was sentenced by the Criminal court at Roscommon on Friday to a month's imprisonment, in default of bail, on the charge of unlawful assembly.

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ACTOR ANDREW ROBSON AS CHURCHILL'S HERO

Gave a Splendid Portrayal and Was Very Capably Supported—Some of the Characters.

Nature has abundantly endowed Andrew Robson with those requisites which no less an authority than the great Richard Mansfield has described as absolutely essential to a successful dramatic actor. He has a magnificent physique, a presence so magnetic as to be captivating and a large store of histrionic talent. Add to this a robust, pleasing voice, and Mr. Robson stands forth clearly defined. In so describing the young actor, who is now playing the title role in the dramatized version of Winston Churchill's most successful story, one draws an accurate picture of the character itself.

Winston Churchill made the central figure of his splendid romance a remarkably strenuous young man, the product of trying times in which a certain section of his principals were noted for their resolute independence and pride. He turned the young hot-head Richard loose on the aristocracy of the old world's metropolis, which at that time boasted the witty and sarcastic Walpole and the meteoric Chas. James Fox, and the author didn't hesitate to subordinate such children of genius to the youthful colonial champion from Maryland. The story is a striking and fascinating one, and has been converted into a very pretty play.

Mr. Robson possesses all the vehemence, all the vigor, in fact all the elements indispensable to a singularly taking characterization, with one possible exception. That was his sword play. According to the words of his friend, Lord Comyn, the Duke of Chartreuse was one of the best swordsmen in London. Richard was among the most expert in the colonies, and the audience naturally expected to see some good work when the duel scenes were enacted. On the contrary, the duel was rather clumsy, and the Grace appeared to be wonderfully and fatally tractable when he so cavalierly allowed himself to be spit in the back by the assassin whom he had prepared for his rival.

It is a pity Richard and Dorothy didn't finish their courtship before the Duke of Chartreuse fell a victim to his own treachery. The militant noble kept the story on the run, and although he is generally execrated as a blue-blooded scoundrel, he makes the third act probably the strongest in the play. Mr. Robson undoubtedly scored a hit with the audience. At the termination of the third act he had several recalls, and thoroughly deserved them, for his work was of the highest order. It is to be hoped that in future tours he will include Victoria in his itinerary.

His leading lady, Miss Edna Brothers, was a delightful Dorothy Mansfield. She was just as winsome and captivating as Mr. Churchill intended his heroine should be, and shared with Mr. Robson the laurels that were won last night. The Duke of Chartreuse, like Richard, he might have given some evidence of his great skill with the sword, but in other respects he proved an admirable foil to the star. It is to be noted that the play makes the duke the star villain. Grafton Carvel was really the more despicable of the two, but the playwright has seen fit to spare him.

Another well-taken role was in the hands of John K. Newman, who was a good Capt. John Paul Jones. This doughty sea warrior's presence in London was, of course, previous to the affair of the Bon Homme Richard, or he would have been gibbeted in short order. Capt. Jones' biography appears in a little volume treating of the deeds of noted pirates, others of the goodly company being Capt. Kidd, Benito de Soto and Blackbeard. Mr. Newman following the cue of Mr. Churchill made the captain a very likeable character. Miss Della Clarke was a pleasing Patty Swain, and supplied most of the comedy.

The scenic settings were satisfactory, especially so when it is remembered that they arrived late, and had to be hurried away to reach the Majestic as soon as possible. The Sound steamer waited for the company.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

Colonel Viljoen, of the Boer army, who is now in New York, has written to Mr. Viljoen, manager of the Windsor hotel, Montreal, to know what his prospects would be for giving a lecture on the late war. He says he makes no immoderate statements in his lecture, nor does he indulge in any bitterness of feeling.

JOHN ENOR, St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C.

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LEONARD H. BOLT, Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend "taking application" to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Sayward District of British Columbia, viz: Lot 873 Sayward District, containing 168 acres more or less.

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Leaving on Business.

C. E. Heard, controller of this famous appliance for Rapture, will leave on an extended business trip through his territory in January. If you wish to see him before leaving, call this month early. No charge till satisfied.

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FIRST DRAWING

For appropriation at January General Meeting. For particulars apply C. S. BAXTER, Secretary-Treasurer, 55 Wharf Street.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. CHUDLEY

Passed By the Hospital Board—Part of Ground Lensed.

At last night's meeting of the Jubilee hospital board of directors it was moved by H. D. Helmcken:

That the board desired to express its great regret on the death of the late William Chudley, who took a very active part in the early history of the institution, and held the responsible position of honorary treasurer from the 24th of June, 1880, until his resignation owing to failing health and strength on the 19th July, 1887, and during the whole time of his connection with the hospital discharged his duties in a most satisfactory and faithful manner. Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his widow and son.

In this connection Joshua Davies observed that although the hospital owed its origin to a suggestion by Dr. Davis, it was due to the late Mr. Chudley that the institution was erected at the time of the late Queen's Jubilee of 1887, hence its name.

The house committee reported that:

A misunderstanding having arisen in regard to the charges for extra nursing, we have given instructions that hereafter the charge for a nurse not being on the hospital pay roll, the patient will have to pay for the nurse's meals at the rate of 25 cents each, as heretofore.

We have also given instructions that the directors will in no way be responsible for the payment of services of nurses who are not on the hospital pay roll.

The water bill for November is again excessive, and we have asked Mr. Humphrey, whose good offices in this connection proved so efficient during the previous month, to kindly give this water question his continued attention.

We have authorized the installation of a modern store in the female ward, and instructed that the results be recorded for comparison, the cost being \$20.

Adopted.
The building and grounds committee in their report recommended that the area in front of the hospital, near Cadboro Bay road, be leased to the Victoria Cricket Club at a rental of \$150 per annum. There are seven or eight acres in all, which will be greatly improved by the club, who intend playing their games there next season. The report was adopted.

The resident medical officer reported the number of patients admitted during November at 61, the number of patients treated 138 and the total days' stay 1,556. The daily average number of patients was 47. The report was adopted.

The matron reported the receipt of the following donations, which were acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. and Miss Spencer, flower vases; C. A. Holland, magazines; J. Berryman, papers and candles; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, periodicals; Moray & Wallace, Jellies; Harold Burnett, daily American papers; Robert Mason, shrubs.

The finance committee approved accounts for October amounting to \$1,736.76. The salaries for the same month, amounting to \$784.90, were paid on due date. The total days' stay for October was 1,555, and the estimates paid and accounts payable give an average per diem cost per patient of \$1.02 1-5.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. R. B. Blyth, B. A., the pastor will preach morning and evening. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school 2:30 p. m. C. E. Society, 8:15 p. m.

TO WORKING GIRLS



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TELEPHONE 647.

"MONGRELS."

"But in the interests of accuracy I question his (F. I. T.'s) designation of Japanese as mongrels," etc.—Times, 19th (vide letter).

Most learned omnivorous reader; a "mongrel" didn't thou say? Oh, thank thee much, good, careful friend! Don't let my verses stray. Presuming purity of breed, I quite mistook my man.

Doff hats! There strides a native, hot from thoroughbred Japan! I took him for a Eurasian, and some have said Malay, Corean, Tartar, Chinaman—or other kind of jay.

For coons look rarely much unlike, tho' dusky, brown or yellow; And the genuine British "mongrel" is a rather different fellow. Each, class's race, of scanty robe, affords a visual feast of colors.

Oh, noble-blooded African! Oh, beautiful son of Night! Ne'er bath thy race been freckled with the discolor of the White.

Thy aboriginal purity, with envy makes us groan— Oh, would I were a nigger sitting on a skull-bull throne! Yet, pause! Perhaps a Chinaman can boast a prouder lot.

Decorating vegetables with his coffee-pot; Or sandwiched with a dozen "Johns" upon a laundry shelf. While sweet the muscled play-much like breaking deli—

"Ching-ching-chong-chong: Listen to the if your ears are large enough, leave my tail alone. Noble Chinese Chinaman save nothing wrong: Pedigree of stainless Pork, generations long— As long as little Brownie's, yonder 'erast the Bay."

That light and sprightly dapper core, with lots to do and say. Lo, walking from vain reveries, you find us Britons still; And if our blood be not quite pure, 'tis not afraid to spill.

The Jap is Saxon, Celt nor Dane: so, Friend, it comes to pass Our mongrel mule may put to shame their thoroughbred Jackass.

F. I. T. Victoria, B. C.

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PERSONAL.
Chris. Spencer, of the firm of D. Spencer, left a few days since for Europe, on his annual purchasing trip for the big departmental store. Mr. Spencer will be absent about three months, and during that time he will visit all the large commercial centres of Great Britain and the continent.

The added facilities which the firm now have for carrying on their business necessitates wider buying than ever this year, and the stocks will be selected, not only for the departments which have been carried on for some years in connection with the Arcade, but for new lines which will be installed in the building now nearing completion. Wherever these are in operation, Spencer's will be without a peer on the Pacific Coast as a departmental establishment.

W. R. Creech, an old resident of Victoria, but now of Vancouver, is in the city on his way to Los Angeles, Cal., accompanied by his three daughters. He is travelling for the Tablet & Ticket Co. and the Arthur Hat Lining & Printing Co., of Chicago.

J. Mulvany, assistant engineer of the Pacific cable board, arrived in the city last evening. He is on his way to Banfield to inspect the cable station.

President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, accompanied by his son, J. N. Hill, are expected in Seattle today. John Arbuthnot, mayor of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Briard hotel.

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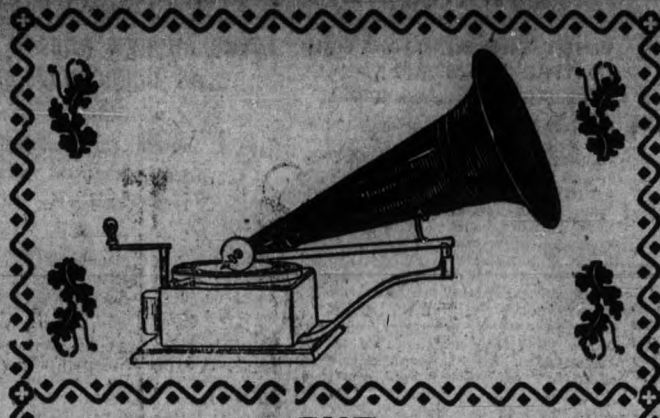
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VAN VALKENBERG'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

The "Chicago Limited" was pulling out of the Grand Central station in New York as Dr. Henry Van Valkenberg submitted his ticket to the gateman. He dashed through, pushing that indignant official to one side, and made a leap for the railing of the last car of the train. It was wet and slippery and maddeningly elusive, but he caught it, and clung to it valiantly, his legs actively seeking a resting-place on the snow-covered steps of the platform. Even as he hung there, offering to his fellow-travellers this inspiring illustration of athletic prowess and the strenuous life, he was painfully conscious that the position was not a dignified one for a stout gentleman of sixty with an exalted position in the scientific world. He pictured to himself the happy smiles of those who were looking on, and he realized that his conception of their hearty enjoyment had not been exaggerated when he glanced back at them after a friendly brakeman had dragged him "on board." Dr. Van Valkenberg smiled a little ruefully as he thanked the man and rubbed the aching surface of his hand, which not even his thick kid glove had protected. Then he pulled himself together, picked up the books and newspapers he had dropped and which the bystanders had enthusiastically hurried after him, and sought his haven in the sleeping car. When he reached his section he stood for a moment, with his back to the passengers, to put some of his belongings in the rack above his head. As he was trying to arrange them properly he heard a voice behind him.

"O-oh! Were you hurt?" it said. "I was so 'fraid you were going to fall."

Dr. Van Valkenberg, who was a tall man, turned and looked down from his great height. At his feet stood a baby; at least she seemed a baby to him, although she was very dignified and wholly self-possessed and fully four years old. She was looking up at him with dark brown eyes, which wore an absurdly anxious expression. In that instant of quick observation he noticed that her wraps had been removed and that she wore a white dress and had yellow curls, among which, on one side of her head, a small black bow lay somberly.

She was so delicious in her almost maternal solicitude that he smiled irrepressibly, though he answered to her ceremoniousness she seemed to expect.

"Why, no, thank you," he said. "I am not hurt. Didn't you see the kind man help me onto the car?"

There was a subdued titter from the other passengers over this touching admission of helplessness, but the human atom below drew a long, audible sigh of relief.

"I'm very glad," she said, with dignity. "I was 'fraid he hurt you." She turned as she spoke, and toddled into the section opposite his, where a plain but kindly faced elderly woman was sitting. She lifted her charge to the seat beside her, and the child rose to her knees, pressed her pink face against the window-pane, and looked out at the snow that was falling heavily.

Dr. Van Valkenberg settled back in his seat and tried to read his newspaper, but for some reason the slight incident in which he and the little girl had figured moved him strangely. It had been a long time since any one had looked at him like that! He was not a person who aroused sympathy. He conscientiously endeavored to follow the President's latest utterances on the trust problem, but his eyes turned often to the curly head at the opposite window. They were well-trained, observant eyes, and they read the woman as not the mother, but a paid attendant—a trained nurse, probably, with fifteen years of admirable, cold, scientific service behind her. Why was she with the child, he wondered.

It was Christmas Eve—not the time for a baby girl to be travelling. Then his glance fell again on the black bow among the yellow curls and on the white dress with its black shoulder-knots, and the explanation came to him. An orphan, of course, on her way West to a new home, in charge of the matter-of-fact nurse who was dozing comfortably in the corner of her seat. To whom was she going? Perhaps to grandparents, where she would be spoiled and wholly happy; or quite possibly to more distant relatives where she might find a grudging welcome. Dear little embryo woman, with her sympathetic heart already attuned to the world's gamut of pain. She should have been dancing under a Christmas tree, or hanging up her tiny stockings in the warm chimney corner of some cozy nursery. The heart of the man swelled at the thought, and he recognized the sensation with a feeling of surprised annoyance. What was all this to him—to an old bachelor who knew nothing of children except their infantile ailments, and who had supposed that he cared for them as little as he understood them? Still, it was Christmas. His mind swung back to that. He himself had rebelled at the unwelcome prospect of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in a sleeping car—he, without even nephews and nieces to lighten the gloom of his lonely house. The warm human sympathy of the man and the sweet traditions of his youth rose in protest against this spectacle of a lonely child, travelling through the night toward some distant home which she had never seen, and where coldness, even neglect, might await her. Then he reminded himself that this was all imagination, and that he might be wholly wrong in his theory of the journey, and he called him-

self a fool for his pains. Still, the teasing interest and an elusive but equally teasing memory held his thoughts.

Darkness was falling, but the porter had not begun to light the lamps, and heavy shadows were rising from the corners of the car. Dr. Van Valkenberg's little neighbor turned from the gloom without to the gloom within, and made an impulsive movement toward the drowsy woman opposite her. The nurse did not stir, and the little girl sat silent, her brown eyes shining in the half-light and her dimpled hands folded in her lap. The physician leaned across the aisle.

"Won't you come over and visit me?" he asked. "I am very lonely, and I have no one to take care of me."

She slid off the seat at once, with great alacrity.

"I'd like to," she said, "but I must ask Nana. I must always ask Nana now," she added, with dutiful emphasis, "fore I do anything."

with. I like little girls. I like little boys, too," she added, with innocent expansiveness.

"Then we'll play I'm a little boy. You'd never believe it, but I used to be. You haven't told me your name," he reminded her.

"Hope," she said, promptly. "Do you think it is a nice name?" She made the inquiry with an anxious interest which seemed to promise immediate change if the name displeased him. He reassured her.

"I think Hope is the nicest name a little girl could have, except one," he said. "The nicest little girl I ever knew was named Katharine. She grew to be a nice big girl, too—and has little girls of her own now, no doubt," she added, half to herself.

"Were you a little boy when she was a little girl?" asked his visitor, with flattering interest.

"Oh no; I was a big man, just as I am now. Her father was my friend, and she lived in a white house with an old garden where there were all kinds of flowers. She used to play there when she was a tiny baby, just big enough to crawl along the paths. Later she learned to walk there, and then the gardener had to follow her to see that she didn't pick all the flowers—I used to carry her around and hold her high up so she could pull the apples and pears

He uttered the last words wearily, and the sensitive atom at his side seemed to understand why. Her little hand slipped into his.

"Why didn't you ask her to please stay with you?" she persisted, pityingly. "I did," he told her. "But, you see, she liked the other man better."

"Oh-h-h." The word came out long-drawn and breathless. "I don't see how she possibly could!"

There was such sorrow for the victim and scorn for the offender in the tone that, combined with the none too subtle compliment, it was too much for Dr. Van Valkenberg's self-control. He threw back his gray head, and burst into an almost boyish shout of laughter, which effectually cleaned the atmosphere of sentimental memories. He suddenly realized, too, that he had not been giving the child the cheerful holiday evening he had intended.

"Where are you going to hang up your stockings to-night?" he asked. A shade fell over her sensitive face.

"I can't hang them up," she answered, soberly. "Santa Claus doesn't travel on trains, Nana says. But p'raps he'll have something waiting for me when I get to Cousin Gertie's," she added, with sweet hopefulness.

"Nana is always right," said the doctor, carelessly, "and of course you must do exactly as she says. But I heard that

The woman's face lit up as she read the name. She turned toward him impulsively, with a very pleasant smile.

"Indeed I do, doctor," she said. "Who does not? Dr. Abbey sent for you last week," she added, "for a consultation over the last case I had—this child's mother. But you were out of town. We were all so disappointed. It seems strange that we should meet you now."

"Patient died?" asked the physician, with professional brevity.

"He rose from his seat."

"Now that you have my credentials,"

he said, cordially, "I want you and Hope to dine with me. You will, won't you?"

The upholstered cheerfulness of the dining car found favor in the sight of Hope. She conducted herself, however, with her usual dignity, broken only occasionally by an ecstatic wriggle as the prospective visit of Santa Claus crossed her mind. Her dinner, superintended by an eminent physician and a trained nurse, was naturally a simple and severely hygienic one, but here, too, her admirable training was evident. She ate cheerfully her bowl of bread and milk, and wasted no longing glances on the plum pudding.

Later, in the feverish excitement of hanging up her stockings, going to bed, and peeping through the curtains to catch Santa Claus, a little of her extra-

ated by the exquisite music of a child's laughter. Dawn was just approaching, in the gray light. But in the length of that car there was no soul so base as to long for silence and the pillow. Crabbed old faces looked out between the curtains and smiled; eyes long unused to tears felt a sudden, strange moisture. Dr. Van Valkenberg had risen almost as early as Hope, as possibly the immaculate freshness of his attire, contrasted with the scantiness of her own, induced that young lady to retire from observation for a short time and the lamps, still burning, flared pale and emerge clothed for general society. Even during this brief retreat in the dressing-room the passengers heard her breathless voice, high-pitched in her excitement, chattering incessantly to the responsive Nana.

Throughout the day the snow still fell, and the outside world seemed far away and dreamlike to Dr. Van Valkenberg. The real things were this train, cutting its way through the snow, and this little child, growing deeper into his heart with each moment that passed. The situation was unique, but easy enough to understand, he told himself. He had merely gone back twenty-five years to that other child, whom he had petted in infancy and loved and lost in womanhood. He had been very lonely—how lonely he had been recently begun to realize, and he was becoming an old man whose life lay behind him. Now an idea, fantastic, perhaps, but persistent, haunted him. He crossed the aisle suddenly and sat down beside the nurse, leaving Hope singing her doll to sleep in his section. There was something almost diffident in his manner as he spoke.

"Will you tell me all you know about the child?" he asked. "She interests me greatly and appeals to me very strongly, probably because she's so much like some one I used to know."

The nurse closed her book and looked at him curiously. She had heard much of him, but nothing that would explain this interest in a strange child. He himself could not have explained it. He knew only that he felt it, powerfully and compellingly.

"Her name is Hope Armitage," she said, quietly. "Her mother, who has just died, was a widow—Mrs. Katharine Armitage. They were poor, and Mrs. Armitage seemed to have no relations. She had saved a little, enough to pay most of her expenses at the hospital, and—"

She hesitated a moment, and then went on: "I am telling you everything very frankly, because you are you, but it was done quietly enough. We all loved the woman. She was very unusual, and patient and charming. All the nurses who had had anything to do with her cried when she died. We felt that she might have been saved if she had come in time, but she was worked out. She had earned her living by sewing, after her husband's death, three years ago, and she kept at it day and night. She hadn't much constitution to begin with, and none when she came to us. She was so sweet, so brave, yet so desperately miserable over leaving her little girl alone in the world—"

Dr. Van Valkenberg sat silent. It was true, then. This was Katharine's child. Had he not known it? Could he have failed to know it, whenever or wherever they had met? He had not known of the death of Armitage nor of the subsequent poverty of his widow, but he had known Katharine's baby, he now told himself, the moment he saw her.

"Well," the nurse resumed, "after she died we raised a small fund to buy some baby clothes for Hope, and take her to Chicago to her new home. Mrs. Armitage has a cousin there, who has agreed to take her in. None of the relatives come to the funeral; there are not many of them, and the Chicago people haven't much money, I fancy. They offered to send Hope's fare, or even to come for her if it was absolutely necessary; but they seemed very much relieved when we wrote that I would bring her out."

Dr. Van Valkenberg did not speak at once. He was hardly surprised. Life was full of extraordinary situations, and his profession had brought him face to face with many of them. Nevertheless, a deep solemnity filled him and a strange peace settled over him. He turned to the nurse with something of this in his face and voice.

"I want her," he said, briefly. "Her mother and father were old friends of mine, and this thing looks like fate. Will they give her to me—these Chicago people—do you think?"

Tears filled the woman's eyes. "Indeed they will," she said, "and gladly. There was"—she hesitated—"there was even some talk of sending her to an institution before they finally decided to take her. Dear little Hope—how happy she will be with you!"

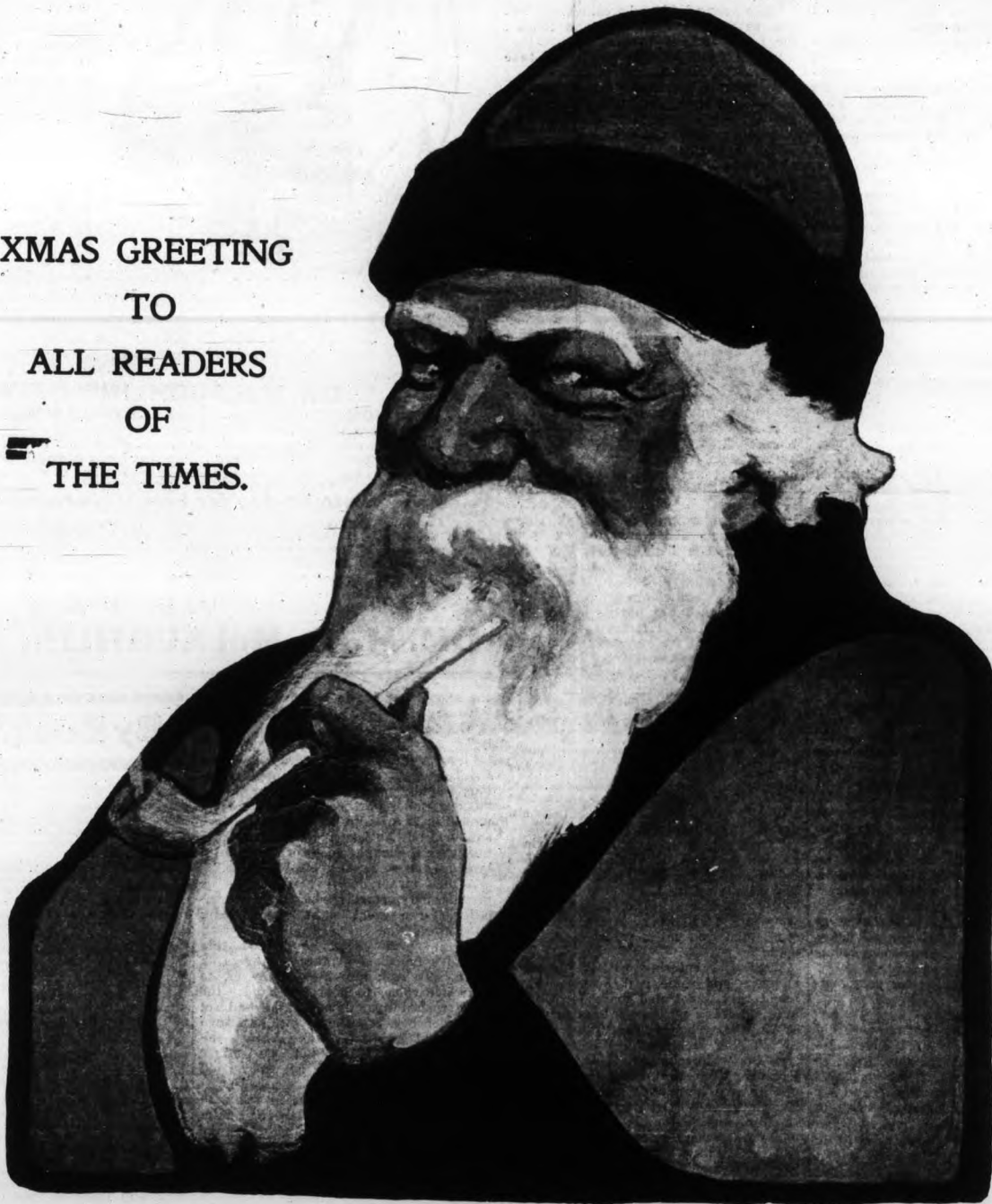
He left her, and went back to the seat where Hope sat, crooning to the doll. Sitting down, he gathered them both up in his arms, and a thrill shot through him as he looked at the yellow curls resting against his breast. Her child—her little, helpless baby—now his child, to love and care for. He was not a religious man; nevertheless a prayer rose spontaneously in his heart. But there was a plea to be made—a second plea, like the one he had made the mother—this time he felt that he knew the answer.

"Hope," he said, gently, "once, long ago, I asked a little girl to come and live with me, and she would not come. Now I want to ask you to come, and stay with me always, and be my own little girl, and let me take care of you and make you happy. Will you come?"

The radiance of June sunshine broke cut upon her face and shone in the brown eyes upturned to his. How well he knew that look! Hope did not turn toward Nana, and that significant omission touched him deeply. She seemed to feel that here was a question she alone must decide. She drew a long breath as she looked up at him.

"Really, truly?" she asked. Then, as

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She laid her hand on the gloved fingers of the nurse as she spoke, and the woman opened her eyes, shot a quick glance at the man, and nodded. She had not been asleep. Dr. Van Valkenberg rose and lifted his visitor to the seat beside him, where her short legs stuck out in uncompromising rigidity, and her tiny hands returned demurely to their former position in her lap. She took up the conversation where it had been interrupted.

"I can take care of you," she said, brightly. "I took care of mamma a great deal, and I gave her her medicine." He replied by placing a cushion behind her back and forming a resting-place for her feet by building an imposing pyramid, of which his dressing-case was the base. Then he turned to her with the smile women loved.

"Very well," he said, "if you really are going to take care of me I must know your name. You see," he explained, "I might need you in the night to get me a glass of water or something. Just think how disappointing it would be if I should call you by the wrong name and some other little girl came!"

She laughed. "You say funny things," she said, contentedly. But there isn't any other little girl in the car. I looked, soon as I came in, 'cos I wanted one to play

off the trees. When she grew larger I gave her a horse and taught her to ride. She seemed like my very own little girl. But by-and-by she grew up and became a young lady, and—well, she went away from me, and I never had another little girl."

He had begun the story to interest the child. He found, as he went on, that it still interested him.

"Did she go to Heaven?" asked the little girl, softly.

"Oh, dear, no," answered the doctor, with brisk cheerfulness.

"Then why didn't she keep on being your little girl always?" was the next leading question.

The doctor hesitated a moment. He was making the discovery that after many years old wounds can reopen and throb. No one had ever been brave enough to broach to him the subject of this single love-affair, which he was now discussing, he told himself, like a garrulous old woman. He was anxious to direct the conversation into other channels, but there was a certain compelling demand in the brown eyes upturned to his.

"Well, you see," he explained, "other boys liked her, too. And when she became a young lady other men liked her. So finally—one of them took her away from me."

Santa Claus was going to get on the train to-night at Buffalo, and I believe," he added, slowly and impressively, "that if he found a pair of small black stockings hanging from that section he'd fill them."

Her eyes sparkled. "Then I'll ask Nana," she said. "And if she says I may hang them, I will. But one," she added, conscientiously. "Has a teeny, weeny hole in the toe. Do you think he would mind that?"

He reassured her on this point, and turned to the nurse, who was now wide awake and absorbed in a novel. The car was brilliantly lighted, and the passengers were beginning to respond to the first dinner call.

"I beg your pardon," he said. "I've taken a great fancy to your little charge, and I want your help to carry out a plan of mine. I have suggested to Hope that she hang up her stockings to-night. I have every reason to believe that Santa Claus will get on this train at Buffalo. In fact," he added, smiling, "I mean to telegraph him."

The nurse hesitated a moment. He drew his card-case from his pocket and handed her one of the bits of pasteboard it contained.

"I have no evil designs," he added, cheerfully. "If you are a New Yorker you may possibly know who I am."

ordinary repose of manner deserted her; but she fell asleep at last, with great reluctance.

When the curtains round her berth had ceased trembling, a most unusual procession wound its silent way toward Dr. Van Valkenberg's section. In some occult manner the news had gone from one end to the other of the "Special" that a little girl in section nine, car Floradora, had hung up her stockings for Santa Claus. The hearts of fathers, mothers, and dotting uncles responded at once. Dressing cases were unlocked, great valises were opened, mysterious bundles were unwrapped, and from all these sources came gifts of surprising fitness. Small daughters and nieces sleeping in Western cities might well have turned restlessly in their beds had they seen the presents designed for them drop into a pair of tiny stockings and pile up on the floor below these.

A succession of long-drawn, ecstatic breaths and happy gurgles awoke the passengers on car Floradora at an unseasonably early Christmas morning, and a small white figure, clad informally in a single garment, danced up and down the aisle, dragging carts and woolly lambs behind it. Occasionally there was a squeak of a talking doll, and always there was the patter of small feet and the soft cooing of a child's voice, punctu-

he nodded without speaking, she saw something in his face that was new to her. It was nothing to frighten a little girl, for it was very sweet and tender; but for one second she thought her new friend was going to cry! She put both arms around his neck, and replied softly, her voice had taken on in her first words to him when he entered the car:

"I'll be your own little girl, and I'll take care of you, too. You know, you said I could."

Dr. Van Valkenberg turned to the nurse.

"I shall go with you to her cousins, from the train," he announced. "I'm ready to give them all the proofs they need that I'm a suitable guardian for the child, but," he added, with a touch of the boyishness that had never left him, "I want this matter settled now."

The long train pounded its way into the station at Chicago, and the nurse hurriedly put on Hope's coat and gloves and fastened the ribbons of her hood under her chin. Dr. Van Valkenberg summoned a porter.

"Take care of all these things," he said, indicating both sets of possessions with a sweep of the arm. "I shall have my hands full with my little daughter."

He gathered her into his arms as he spoke, and she nestled against his broad chest with a child's unconscious satisfaction in the strength and firmness of his clasp. The lights of the great station were twinkling in the early dusk as he stepped off the train, and the place was noisy with the greetings exchanged between the passengers and their waiting friends.

"Merry Christmas," "Merry Christmas," sounded on every side. Everybody was absorbed and excited, yet there were few who did not find time to turn a last look on a singularly attractive little child, held above the crowd in the arms of a tall man. She was laughing triumphantly as he bore her through the throng, and his heart was in his eyes as he smiled back at her—Harper's Weekly.

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GREAT MAN'S SORROW

As J. G. C. Anderson walked from his offices in Great George street, Westminster, to his flat in Victoria street, his thoughts were of his day's work. There had been a great trial, and, thanks to J. G. C. Anderson, the prisoner was a free man to-night. It had been a very intricate case, and had no place in the story, but men almost forgot the main interest in their admiration of the counsel's speech. It was in everyone's mouth; the newsboys were declaiming it, as a selling head-line, in the special editions of the evening papers; one sharper than the rest, followed the lawyer along the street, and was dismissed with a shilling and a sharp reprimand.

For years the spare figure, with its slight stoop and its hard, grey face, had traversed the same path; omnibus drivers raised their whips, policemen touched their helmets, the man selling matches touched his hat, and J. G. C. Anderson took it all as his due. He had worked to this end; had accomplished it alone. He was a man who had no friends; a hard, unsympathetic man who wanted one. Many admired, envied, respected, courted the great man, but none were ever admitted to his friendship or his confidence.

He let himself in with his key, according to custom, and went into his study to look at the evening paper and sip his sherry and bitters, before dressing for dinner, when his man, a thought drier and greyer than himself, brought him in a letter.

"It came by hand," he said, as his master took it, "a young lady brought it and left word she would call to-morrow about ten, before you left for the office."

The envelope was directed in a fine sloping hand that had trembled as it penned the lines. And the sight of it made his pulses leap.

"Who brought it?" he asked sharply.

"A young lady, in a blue dress."

Having unbuttoned himself of so much information, MacEwen withdrew, leaving his master alone with his letter. He did not open it at once, indeed he seemed almost to have forgotten it, as he leaned back, holding it in one hand, and tapping the other reflectively with it; for his thoughts had gone back twenty—aye, five-and-twenty years or more, to the days when he was a rising man, but only one when a number of forty then, and his hair was black. The old days! How far away they seemed; but a woman's hand had bridged the gulf, and to-night he was back in his rooms in Gray's Inn, working for Katie, thinking of her all day, dreaming of her all night.

But there was the dark shadow overlying it all. He remembered as he recalled the last letter she had written him, telling him that she had married his friend, Charles Drummond, and opening the gate of hell for him! He flinched now as he recalled the year that had followed, the bitter heartache, the insatiable longing, the temptations of hate for the man who had wronged his soul; and then his work had filled the gap, and he had resolved to live for nothing else. In the leaden-footed years that followed he had heard, as in a dream, of Charles Drummond's death. Of Katie he had never heard until now. That brought him back to the present, and he opened her letter. It was to beg his forgiveness, and implored him to befriend her only child. "When you get this, Andrew," the writer said, "I shall be in my grave, and my Katie will be alone in the world."

Alone! Ah, no one knew better than he what that meant.

"Will ye be dressing yet?" MacEwen's voice enquired presently.

It was dusk, the clock was striking seven, and Anderson had fought his fight out, had buried his past, and was drier and greyer than ever.

As he ate his breakfast the following morning, MacEwen reminded him of his impending visitor.

"Shall I tell the young lady you're in?" he asked.

"Eh? Oh—yes, the lady who called

HER PRAYER.

Low in the ivy-covered church she knelt,
The sunshine falling on her golden hair,
The moaning of a soul, with hurt unhealed,
Was her low-breathed and broken cry of prayer.

"Thy wounded hand, dear Christ, Thy wounded hand!
I pray Thee lay it on this heart of mine,
This heart so sick with grief it cannot stand
Aught heavier than this tender touch of Thine.

"Thy wounded hand, dear Christ, O let it press
Here, where the hurt is hardest, where the pain
Throbs fiercest, and the utter emptiness
Mocks at glad memories, and longings vain!

"Thy wounded hand, dear Christ, Who long ago
Slept by Thy mother's side in Bethlehem!
Think of her cradling arms, her loving low,
And pity me, when Thou dost think of them.

"My baby girl, my pretty dear, I miss
Morning and noon and night—her ways so wise,
The patting of her soft, warm hands, the kiss,
The cooing voice, the sunshine of her eyes.

"I sleep, and dream she nestles close, my own!
Her red mouth on my breast; I wake and cry.
She sleeps out yonder in the dark, alone—
My arms are empty, and my bosom dry.

"Thy wounded hand, dear Christ! 'twill surely bring
Healing for this great anguish that I bear;
A nursing babe, a little dimpled thing,
Heaven might have left her to her mother's care!

"Thy wounded hand, dear Christ, O let me feel
Its touch to-day, and past all doubting prove
Thou hast not lost Thine ancient power to heal,
Press out the bitterness, fill up with love.

"O, Babe that in the manger rude did sleep!
O, Prince of Peace, Thy tender, wounded palm
Still holds the oil of joy for those that weep!
Still holds the comforting, the Gilead's balm!

last night; you can say I am rather pressed for time, but will give her a few minutes." As he spoke the electric bell resounded through the quiet rooms and his pulses trembled in unison.

"That'll be the young lady," MacEwen said, placing the toast within reach before withdrawing.

According to custom J. G. C. Anderson cut and buttered his toast; but this morning he got no further, pushing the plate from him, and leaving his second cup of coffee untasted also; which thing caused MacEwen to marvel and decide that his master needed a change.

But it was not only a change of air, MacEwen!

After a brief interval Anderson went into his study, somewhat curious to see Katie's child; but his face and heart hardened, for it was Charles Drummond's daughter, who rose at his entrance and addressed him, in the old, frank way he remembered so well—aye! and hated.

There was no trace of Katie. She spoke without any embarrassment. "It is very good of you to see me, Mr. Anderson."

He made a slight gesture of dissent. "Pray sit down again—have you had breakfast?"

"Two hours ago, thank you."

"So your mother is—dead? I am very sorry."

She went white even to the lips, but made no other sign as he went on in his precise, carefully-thought-out tones.

"We were friends once—many years ago—it makes us old folks think a bit when those we knew in our younger days die; how long is it since—?"

"About six weeks," very quietly, with that iron determination not to break down before this keen-eyed old man with the hard face. "I have been staying with a little friend who is employed by the same firm as myself. Poor mother was so very anxious I should bring her letter, or I would not have troubled you." Charles Drummond again!

"I'm! So you are in business, eh?"

"I am head bookkeeper with Hepplewhite's, the art stationers, in Moore-fields—I have been there ever since I left school."

He experienced a twinge of regret that she was so independent of him; he had taken it for granted she would be a helpless, weak woman, and he was so seldom wrong in his calculations that he was disposed to feel injured.

"And where do you live?"

"I have given up the little house at Brixton where we lived for so many years, and have moved into some rooms near."

"Then I can do nothing for you, really?"

She flushed slightly.

"Oh, no, thank you, not now, I did not come because I wanted anything—but I promised mother; she was so afraid I should want a friend one day."

"Then, when you want a friend I must see if I can be of any service to you."

"I hope I shall never be much trouble."

"I should say not, you look very self-reliant."

"I have been obliged to be self-reliant; still, I am sure it is very kind of you to have seen me. Good morning."

"Good morning," touching the bell for MacEwen. "Let me hear of you from time to time."

J. G. C. Anderson was dining out that night, and it was late when he returned. MacEwen was setting out his usual glass of whiskey and placing the

paper, slipper and cigar box to hand. A bowl of sweet-scented flowers, roses, sweet peas and mignonette stood on the table.

"Where did they come from?" he asked.

"The young lady who called, she left 'em with her compliments, and thanks, for your kindness to her."

"Their scent is too powerful, take them away," the lawyer said, sharply. So nothing loth MacEwen bore them to his own apartment, where they gladdened his eye for a week.

Summer and autumn passed, and Katie Drummond made no sign; out on Christmas Eve, as the great council sat over his port, there came a ring at the door bell, and MacEwen brought word that she waited in the drawing room, where his master presently joined her. It was a room he seldom used, and wore the chilly, uninviting air of the best parlor, albeit a good fire burnt in the grate.

She was thinner, paler, than before, and the stern face of the lawyer relaxed a little; there was a tired droop about her lips, too, that reminded him of the other Katie.

"I hope you have been well," he said as he took her hand.

"I am sorry to say that I have been ill—it was influenza at first, and then a relapse through going back to work too soon."

"You should have let me know."

"I should never worry you over a little thing like that, when your life is so overcrowded with serious matters. I am quite strong again—thank you—what I came about was to beg your votes to get a little girl—one of my landlady's—into the orphanage at Shilfold; the father died last spring, and she has six more children."

"If my votes are not promised you shall have them. I forget for the moment."

"I saw your name in the list of governors."

"Aye; I had almost forgotten it myself."

So she wanted nothing for herself; he was sorry.

"I won't detain you any longer, then," rising, and fastening the fur at her throat.

"My dear young lady, you cannot go without any refreshment—and I am not in any hurry to-night."

"Then perhaps you will let me look at your pictures. I was admiring them before you came in," with a longing look at the walls.

"By all means. Won't you remove your jacket and hat? It is hot in this room, and you must not take cold again."

MacEwen, entering with a decanter of wine and some real Scotch shortbread that Janet had made for Christmas, stared a well-pleased amazement at his master helping the "young lady" to take her jacket off. When she had seen the watercolor, J. G. C. Anderson took her into the dining-room, where one or two Morelaines and a very fine Turner hung. Then they came back to the fire, and Katie ate her shortbread, while MacEwen mused some of the wine and the big man listened, as in a dream, to the woman's soft voice and low, musical laugh; and looked wonderingly at the shining golden head against the satin cushion. For to these things he had been a stranger for a quarter of a century.

All too soon she rose to go, wishing him "A Merry Christmas," and the rooms looked emptier, more unwholesome than ever, as the echo of her footsteps died away.

Winter passed into spring, and with

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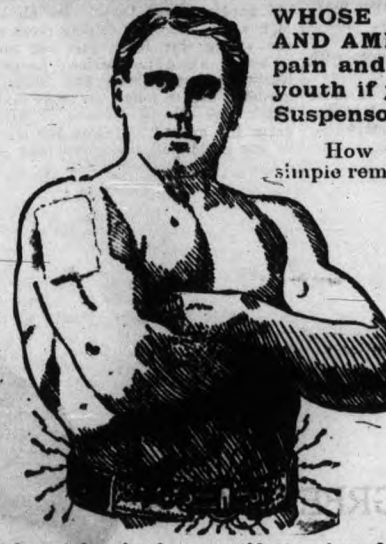


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the snowdrops Katie came again. To say good-bye. "Good-bye!" he repeated incredulously.

"I am going to be married on Thursday," she told him, with a happy, tremulous smile, playing round her lips, "to our junior partner, Mr. Frank Hepplewhite; it was to have been in the summer, but he is going next month to take over the management of the Munich branch—and so I am going with him."

A mist wavered before his eyes, as he made some formal speech of congratulation, for a great blank was opening out before him.

He knew now that he desired this woman's friendship before all things on earth. To look into her clear eyes, to hear her voice, to hold her hand; the truth rushed upon him, but he had set a barrier between them with his own hand; and now—now he knew the truth—she was going, and he might never see her again—for he was an old man, an old man!

Long after she had gone, he sat with bowed head thinking of all he had gained; fame, riches, honor; and of all he had lost: sympathy, love, friendship.

"This is the end of every man's desire."

The spare, grey figure still walks in its accustomed way between Great George street and the flat. Men admire, court, envy the great lawyer; but these things are as Dead Sea fruit which turns to ashes on the lips.

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It is such an anxious time at present. Suppose the dear man has a dozen or so shaving cases and she does not know it? Suppose it was a fancy vest last year and initiated brushes the year before? Remember he never, never can have too many books. And so it is safe and wise to give him something to read if he likes novels here are a many:

The Copp Clark Co. has issued some pretty Christmas books. There is Crockett's new tale, "Flower of the Corn," concerning the love of Maurice Raith, secretary of the great Marlborough, and an army chaplain's daughter, whom he first saw when the allied troops lay along the Meuse. It was harvest time, which in that country happens in the flood tide of the July heats. All Flanders and Picardy were veritable fields of the cloth of gold, in which blue blouses swung and swayed and scythes flashed circlewise in the high, bold sunshine. Then there is Barnaby Lee, the English cabin boy, who had such surprising adventures in the new world the year of our Lord 1664. The scene is in Maryland and in New Amsterdam. It is a fine example of the historical novel, and is published in so pretty a binding that it is a delight to the eye. Mr. W. A. Davis's story Belshazzar I have mentioned before. The Fall of Babylon is a sufficiently dramatic theme. It is rich in historic and emotional possibilities, and the author makes the most of them.

Among the holiday books published by Morang are many of especial appropriateness. In an artistic cover is W. A. Fraser's "Thoroughbreds." Canadians are proud to honor Mr. Fraser and his charming home near Toronto is a place of appreciation. This tale is not at all like his famous "Mooswa." It concerns racing and has a pretty romance involved. To all who love horses, the work must be of absorbing interest.

Mr. Pelham Edgar's most entertaining "The Romance of Canadian History," is compiled and edited from Parkman, is the book of the year I should recommend for a Christmas gift. It presents what we all ought to know and in such guise that it is beguiling reading. Mr. Edgar is a young Canadian of much promise, already known as a scholar and a litterateur. He is following in letters in the footsteps of his distinguished father, the late Speaker, Sir James Edgar.

In the new circular issued by this company, "Chests of Gold," I notice many titles relating to Canada which are of seasonable value. "Maid and Matrons of New France," Gilbert Parker's "Quebec," and many the holiday books published by Morang are many of especial appropriateness.

The cloth colonial edition of Jarrold and Sons makes a pretty blue and gold gift. Some recent books in it are, "David Maxwell," the adventures of a young Irishman in Mexico, and during a Catholic rebellion in Ireland. It is surprisingly full of extraordinary facts and perils. "Lodge Lady," by Lillian Arnold, is a light novel, but a powerful study of German peasant tenantry. After reading it, one is tempted to believe the observations of Elizabeth concerning these gentle folk. I am not filled with desire to be among them. "The Jest of Fate" I have referred to before. It is by the famous negro, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and is pathetic to the last degree.

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In the course of an interesting criticism of Richard Mansfield's presentation of "Julius Caesar," John Corbin, dramatic critic of the New York Times, compares Mansfield with the noted stars of the Old Country in the following:

"Heaven knows how he does it, but the fact remains that each one of his successive impersonations impresses one in the gross as being a creation of the highest authority, of consummate force. On the American stage he is supreme, for as yet Mr. Southern has barely won his spurs as regards the great parts. And what European actors are Mansfield's superiors? Mr. Beerbohm Tree is a clever virtuoso who pads out his slender artistic resources with tricks of stage management, even as he pads out his slender sides into the rotundity of Falstaff."

"Sir Henry Irving lacks Mansfield's force in physique, in voice, in temperament, and, for his mannerisms, one need only mention them. It so happened some half a dozen years ago that both Mansfield and Irving were playing Shylock at the same time on Broadway, so that one was able to see them repeatedly and in alternation. Irving was undoubtedly the more subtle in intellect and in the imagination of details. An incident in Shylock's denunciation toward Gratiano is characteristic. That outspoken Elizabethan gentleman curses the Jew roundly to the extent of a dozen lines or so, and Shylock answers with brief contempt:

"Till thou canst call the seal from off my bond and offendest thy lungs to speak so loud."

"Mansfield delivered these lines with a wolfish vehemence, holding forth the bond so that the seal dangled before Gratiano's lips—a bit of obvious business which the callboy might have invented. Irving spoke the lines quietly, with a look of contemptuous scorn, covetously thrusting the bond beneath his gabardine, and turning to the Duke, exclaimed with vindictive cunning: 'I stand here for law.' Nothing could better illustrate the difference between a merely competent and a masterly imagination for details. But in histrionism the imagination of details, potent as it is in re-enforcing an interpretation, is at best a handmaiden. First, last, and always, great art is the imagination and the utterance of great passion. Shylock above all is a volcano of malignant fire. In the passages where it was necessary to let loose the fires of rage, Irving impotently trembled and shook, while Mansfield blazed and soared."

"Besides Irving, there is Mr. Forbes Robertson. His Hamlet is a creation of the highest art—subtle, dreamy, impassioned by turns, a creature of princely wit and gentility, and of princely anger. In no part has Mansfield reached such heights of pure and beautiful art, nor is he likely to reach them. But for other great Shakespearean parts, Mr. Forbes Robertson has not yet revealed the requisite emotional force."

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, whose position in the religious world renders his opinions of incalculable importance in influencing those who prefer the "argument from authority" to the trouble of thinking for themselves, writes to the New York World unstinted praise of the religious aims and qualities of several dramatic productions now running in New York. He says:

"The time has fully come for the best people in our land to do something for the drama and the opera and for the great orchestral bands. Many a youth is going into the law or into business, or into clothing the people or feeding the people, or pleading for the people, who might well furnish music for the people or write dramas for the people."

"Doubtless there is a drama that is bad and only bad, but the drama can also be good, and only good. Witness the old Morality play that has just been presented in New York city. What sermon could possibly be preached that would be more effective, or is better calculated to produce immediate results in the way of transformation of life and character? There is not one single motive that appeals to the noblest spiritual nature that is lacking in that play, or in 'The Only Way,' now being presented by Mr. Martin Harvey. And now have also come Mrs. Pike's 'Mary of Magdala,' and Hall Caine's 'The Eternal City,' which, if one can trust the state-ments of critics, represent at least an attempt to stir the deeper feeling that are permanent, instead of those emotions that are temporary and superficial."

"Great is the power of the press and the power of the pulpit! Great is the influence of the college, the lecture hall and the library! All these have become the angels that minister to a better nature. But the time has fully come for the drama to rise up like an angel of light, to put off their disheveled garments, and to go forth and join the company of music and eloquence and

authorship, and with them help regenerate and redeem the race."

Local managers who are not real theatrical men are sometimes lacking in the requisite discernment necessary to those in their positions.

Lawrence Barrett, "the unapproachable," during a performance of "Francesca da Rimini" was interrupted during his dressing for the fourth act by a hurried knocking at the door of his dressing room. His valet, who answered the knock, informed him that the local manager was very desirous of seeing him immediately on a very important matter.

"Tell him that I'm dressing and cannot be disturbed," said the austere tragedian. "I will see him after the play."

After a hurried consultation at the door the valet said to his master:

"He says it will be too late to see you then, he must see you before you go on, as his business is most important."

"Very well, admit him," said Barrett impatiently, and the importunate manager was shown into the room.

"How do you do, Mr. Barrett, I—"

"Well, sir," said Barrett in long, slow, impressive tones calculated to freeze one not knowing him.

"I want you to do me a great favor, Mr. Barrett. You've probably noticed by the bill that Pat Rooney is to be here next week. Well, I want you to do me the favor of announcing it to the audience before the last 'wait!'"

Barrett's answer has never been told.

Hillary Ball, the well known New York theatrical critic, in writing of Mr. Caine and Mr. Caine's dramatized version of "The Eternal City," said:

"Hall Caine believes that he looks like Shakespeare, but as he peeped out of his box at the Victoria on Monday night he looked more like a gray squirrel. The little Manxman seems to have grown hairier since he left us a couple of years ago, and his little head and his little face are fuzzier than ever before. He sat among a lot of handsomely gowned women like a squirrel in a nest of sidelong. His expression was anxious. Mr. Caine thinks a great deal of himself, and he could not understand why the audience did not share his opinion. Certainly the author received small encouragement. The spectators were listless. Mascagni's music created no furor. The score was full of sound and fury, signifying nothing in particular. During his performance by a large and excellently conducted orchestra the lights were turned down to induce a reverent emotion, but people talked right through the intermezzo as if nothing had happened, nor were the spectators wrought up to any great degree of excitement over the play. When the Pope appeared Hall Caine dodged to the back of his box and hid himself in the nest of sidelong, as if expecting a religious riot. Not a brick was thrown. The audience surveyed the Holy Father with mild approval, and everybody remained undisturbed by his appearance."

Blanche Walsh says of the character of Salambo: "The character of Salambo is one in which the conflict of love and duty, heroism and despair, is carried forward from the moment the curtain rises on the poor priestess' temple of the moon to the woeful ending of her tragic life by the side of the great hearted Matho. The great scene in the third act is perhaps daring in its conception, and runs perilously near to the famous and somewhat similar scene in 'La Tosca,' but the motive lying back of Salambo's visit to the tent of Matho is a noble one—she would save the lives and homes of her countrymen."

"The situation is almost exactly a facsimile of the strong scene in Maeterlinck's 'Monna Vanna,' just now one of the most discussed plays in Europe. Perhaps, before Maeterlinck was born, perhaps, before Maeterlinck was born, seems that the modern dramatist must have been at least familiar with the French classic, and perhaps has unconsciously adopted the central theme of the romance for his play. I fail to see why the London censor of plays should have refused to license 'Monna Vanna,' for the purpose of the lady was lofty and supremely noble."

The Bostonians this season are stronger than ever. They easily lead all other comic opera organizations in the country. The great company that has recently presented "Robin Hood" and "Maid Marian" in New York with such signal success will appear in its entirety here. H. C. Barnes, W. H. MacDonald, Geo. B. Frothingham and Josephine Bartlett continue in their original parts. Miss Grace Van Studdiford is the prima donna. The musical critics of the country say she is undoubtedly the finest soprano ever engaged by the Bostonians. Night after night at the Academy of Music, New York, the vast audience cheered her to the echo. Her work is equal to the finest of grand opera in the general verdict.

Mr. Jameson has endeavored for many seasons to induce the Bostonians to include Victoria and Vancouver in their Coast tour, but was unsuccessful until last summer. The dates for Victoria are January 5th and 6th, and both "Robin Hood" and its sequel, "Maid Marian," will be presented.

Robert Downing, the well known tragedian will appear at the Victoria on Christmas in "A Voice From the Wild-

ness," his role being John the Baptist. Mr. Downing has had a remarkable career. He began as a call boy in John T. Ford's theatre, Washington. By force of pure ability, he pushed his way upward, "playing many parts," until he became leading man of Ford's splendid stock company. Those were the days, when the actor knew everybody and everybody knew him, when the player stood on his own merits and when the art of the advance man was unknown. To gain the public favor, an actor worked for it. To-day, he may buy it.

Following Mr. Downing's work as Ford's leading man, he supported Edwin Booth, at the latter's request, during a New York engagement. Next, he was leading support for Mary Anderson, and after that he played opposite parts to Joseph Jefferson. Then, securing the rights of "The Gladiator" and with "nerve" as his principal capital, Downing struck out for himself. His success in "The Gladiator" is known to almost every theatre-goer, and the success is still his, for on his present tour of the coast with "The Gladiator" and "A Vice From the Wilderness," under the direction of the Western Theatrical Association, Mr. Downing is playing to crowded houses.

"The Telephone Girl," a musical comedy, will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on December 30th, and on New Year's night, Kirk LaShelles' big comic opera "The Princess Chic" will be presented for the first time in this city.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J. P. MURPHY, deceased, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that probate of the will of J. P. Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, which died at Kelseyville, California, on the 10th day of November, 1902, this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austin Seward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trusts and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

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Dated at Victoria this 2nd day of December, 1902.

S. PERRY MILLS, J. C. Seward, Solicitors for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its session, for an act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz:

The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1897, The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1898, 1899, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Act, 1898, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1890, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Acts. The Waterworks By-law, 1874, and all subsequent amendments and provisions of the General Municipal Clauses Act, 1862, and all subsequent amendments and provisions of the City of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e.:

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